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## Editorial.

FROM a correspondent in the *Open Court*: "In man's obedience to moral laws he finds the *only* magic where-with to change the face of society."

A FULL page of field notes, including reports of the recent Iowa and Kansas Conferences, prepared for this number, are necessarily crowded out by the press of other matter.

SAYS Rev. J. C. Learned, of St. Louis, speaking of the late session of the Western Unitarian Conference: "It was the most solid and substantial conference all through that we ever had. It moved on strong without halt or break or hesitation from the opening prayer to the closing hymn."

PRESIDENT SHOREY's brief opening address, ignoring all perfunctory phrases, was of that earnest and dignified character which at once summoned the Conference to a high and fearless fulfillment of the duties before it. A fitting word for the occasion.

BRAZIL has a liberty of worship bill before its House of Deputies. The

Crown Princess—Regent during a late absence of the Emperor—and a half dozen clerical members actively oppose it, but the government is determined that it shall pass.

WHEN the proposed new University of Chicago is established, then will be the chance for the \$200,000 that will put a theological lectureship or the "Institute for Instruction in Morals and Religion" under its shadow to do the much needed work of fitting young men and women for the ministry of religion.

E. E. M. in the *Register* describes the Conference as "a very serious one." She adds that "it had not the spiritual intensity of the Cincinnati Conference, nor the depression and anxiety that were occasionally revealed one year ago, but it stands as the embodiment of thoughtful purpose."

WITHOUT disparagement to the value of visits to the Western Conference made by eminent eastern men in years past, we may safely say that no messengers of good-will have been more gladly received, or have brought messages more important to our western work than Mrs. Andrews last year, and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fifield this year. A new era of Unitarianism has begun, when such women come to the front.

REV. J. W. CHADWICK contributes an excellent review of Mr. Salter's book "Ethical Religion," to a late number of the *Register*. It is a work that, while carefully avoiding the use of all religious terms in the exposition of the principles of Ethical culture, contains in its generalizing tendency, "much theistic implication." Mr. Salter confounds individuality with personality which is the basis of his objection, Mr. Chadwick thinks, to an avowed theism. He quotes many passages in proof of the essential theism of one who believes so profoundly as Mr. Salter does in a controlling moral influence and principle in the world; then adds very justly, "The theism of these passages is not that of a formal theologian. It is that of a deeply awed and reverent religious soul."

WM. C. GANNETT has removed from Hinsdale, Ill., and accepted a call to Rochester, N. Y., to succeed N. M. Mann in the pastorate of the Unitarian church of that city. It is with a severe twinge of the heart-strings that we see our yoke-fellow go from the circle of which he has so long been a beloved member. He goes and yet he stays. The impress which he has made on all our hearts and minds has staying qualities and will keep him so close to his old friends that Rochester will seem to them but another suburb of Chicago, and UNITY readers will know no difference since he still holds his place on the editorial staff and will take his turn at the crank as usual. We offer our sincere condolence to Unity church, Hinsdale, and our hearty congratulations to the First Unitarian church of Rochester.

It has sometimes been customary to pass resolutions thanking or complimenting the American Unitarian Association for its generosity to the West. Too often this has been most strenuously urged when the relations between the A. U. A. and the Western Conference have been a little strained by a difference of policy. Twenty years or so ago, when Rev. Dr. Bellows, of New York, was present, he said he knew "no reason why the Western Conference should pass a resolution of

thanks to the American Unitarian Association. It seemed to him very much like children remembering every morning to thank fathers and mothers for being permitted to sleep under their roof and partake of their dinner." At the same time there was "no disposition in the East to interfere with the administration of affairs in the West. He believed that those of the West were as competent to take charge of affairs in the East, as those of the East are to take care of affairs in the West."

MRS. L. H. STONE writes of the Western Conference to the *Detroit Tribune* as follows:

"In this conference I believe I have found a place where the old idea as to what or where is 'woman's sphere' has quite died out. The men and women here seem to have come entirely into the new thought, which is to have no thought about it, who, whether man or woman, shall do the thing to be done, only that it be done by some one fitted to do it well. Here, as I have observed, both men and women seem to be on all the committees, 'regardless,' as Mark Twain has it; they work together as harmoniously as if they were all men or all women. Both speak or read papers or ask questions on all subjects that come before the conference apparently with the same freedom and with mutual respect and consideration. They commend an excellence, a thought worthy to be noticed in a paper, or a deficiency or failure, just the same in a paper written by a woman and under discussion, as in one written by a man.

In giving pledges for sums of money to be raised for various purposes, I have noticed as many women sending in theirs as men. It is the thing or thought of the paper that is discussed, without regard to the writer. And this is the kind of association, with perfect courtesy on each side, that must, I think, come about before the best which we are waiting and working for in the world will be accomplished, or before, as Tennyson poetizes it, 'Shall reign the world's great bridal.'"

THE following note, received during the session of the recent Conference and read to that body, has interest to a wider circle, coming as it does from one whom we this week greet as associate editor of UNITY, and speaking of one who was a pioneer in that renaissance of Judaism that, stripped of the superstitions and national peculiarities, comes forth once more as the monotheistic faith that shames idolatry, rebukes dishonesty, and emphasizes the divine sonship of humanity:

1906 INDIANA AVENUE,  
Chicago, May 15, '89.

MY DEAR MR. JONES:—

The death of my father, which occurred yesterday, renders it impossible for me to be with you this afternoon. I am passing through the normal school of affliction now; the thought that my father was during the fifty years of his active leadership among the Jews a battler for light and truth, a prophet of the religion of freedom, character and fellowship, is sweet balm to my wounded heart. I know that, though you knew him not, you will join us in silently remembering one who was one of the few to scatter in days of darkness the seed of light. Yours, as ever,

EMIL G. HIRSCH.

THE following note gives an interesting glimpse into the training-ground of the soul too seldom occupied by all of us. We think the note will explain itself and hope that many, very many, of our readers will retire into themselves long enough to interview their consciences in like manner, in which case the result, we are confident, will be as profitable and encouraging: "Since listening yesterday to your earnest appeal, or more properly speaking, vigorous demand that your listeners 'pay their debts,' I have interviewed my conscience which insists that I have an amount of 'unearned increment' invested in my business that I must surrender, or take the consequences. It instructs me to authorize you to put me down for fifty dollars to the proposed

Endowment Fund for the Western Unitarian Conference: \$25 payable January 1, 1890, and balance January 1, 1891, provided the sum of \$25,000 be raised; and it further instructs me that if the 'Fund' can be made up to \$50,000, I must double the amount. I send this subscription through your hands, not that I make it for your sake, but that you may have the satisfaction of knowing that the seed sown yesterday fell upon one little spot with such force as to penetrate the crust and take root."

"THE regular services at Unity Church, May 26," says a *Cleveland daily*, gave way to a kind of echo of the Western Unitarian Conference held in Chicago, from which Rev. F. L. Hosmer and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of the Unity church had recently returned. Mr. Hosmer said, "I have been a member of the Western Conference sixteen years and have missed its meetings but twice. In that time I have never seen a conference that united so perfectly breadth of view and zeal of effort as this last one." Mr. Johnson said, "When Darwin made public his 'Origin of Species,' thirty years ago, he little thought that his name would ever crown the sessions of a religious conference. This it did, however, on Wednesday at the Darwin evening."

THE *Christian Register* brings us fuller report of Mr. Johnson. Speaking of the generous response of the Conference to the call for an endowment fund, he said: "Could the various churches in the Conference catch a tithe of the enthusiasm that filled the audience room in Chicago, the \$12,000 now subscribed by their generosity would grow to \$25,000, and in less than the year allowed, reach \$50,000. This whole sum, though large for the poor and scattered churches, will be raised, or else for the first time, devotion, high purpose and noble self-sacrifice fail. Rare enthusiasm seemed to possess every one present. It was contagious. You became its victim at once. It manifested itself in tone, facial expression, hand-clasps. You were glad of the privilege of being at the Conference. The spirit which characterized the proceedings illustrated the motto, 'Freedom, Fellowship and Character in religion.' He spoke of the 'excellence of all the papers and addresses,' and of the 'intense religiousness that dominated and controlled all the meetings.'"

UNITY has never held out its hat in vain because it has never asked for trifling interests. It has never appealed more confidently to its constituency for co-operation than it does now for help in bringing the endowment fund of the Western Conference promptly to the \$50,000 mark. We ask them to read carefully everything in this number pertaining to this matter, not neglecting the beginnings of the subscription list which we propose to keep open, publishing all subscriptions as fast as received until the full amount is reached. All subscriptions sent to the senior editor will be duly accredited and passed over to the proper recipient. Remember that the subscriptions are to be paid any time during five years, according to the arrangement made by the subscriber, and that they are not binding until \$25,000 are already subscribed. Where are the two or three people whose lives have been abundantly endowed through the blessings of free thought and the religion of character, who will give \$5,000 apiece to carry the subscription

at once beyond the half way point? In asking for these we do not the less ask that the list of working women, who out of their earnings and "odd jobs" are to find the fifty dollars each in the next five years, be extended from twenty to five hundred. Perhaps in order to reach that number they will admit some of the aspiring and devoted young men into this honorable circle, and in asking for the fifties, the five dollars will be none the less welcome. Inactivity in the presence of the foes of life carries with it depression, anxiety, dismay. But when the charge is ordered and the line moves, then the cheers. The word is given, the call is forward along the whole line. Here is a chance to taste the high joys of a bloodless victory, a victory in which only indifference, superstition and selfishness suffer defeat.

#### A WORD FROM THE WESTERN SECRETARY.

The Secretary of the Western Conference invites earnest co-operation in the work of another year. That part of his work which relates to the temporary supply of pulpits and the assistance he may give in the settlement of ministers, cannot, in the nature of things, be definitely planned before hand, but must be determined by circumstances as they arise. This he will endeavor to do, as in the past, to the best of his wisdom and ability.

In addition to this, it seems to him important to have some plan of systematic missionary operations looking to the development of new centers of religious activity. He is convinced that there are many places now ripe for such organization, only waiting some concerted action on the part of the Western and State Conferences. He desires to call the attention of the State Conferences to the plan already submitted for co-operation between them and the Western Conference; namely, the selection in each state of some point where missionary effort may seem most likely to be productive of permanent results, and the maintenance of regular services at such point until the movement is able to take care of itself. He stands ready to do his part in carrying out this plan. And where there is no active state conference he solicits correspondence with individual ministers and laymen who have in their possession any facts which would throw light on the problem of when and where to direct our efforts. The Western Conference headquarters is each year becoming better and better equipped with tools for missionary work. Our literature grows to meet the demand. We have hymn slips, responsive services, sermons and tracts, which are sold at a merely nominal price, and from the Chicago center distant points in every part of the field can be easily and speedily reached by the Secretary when occasion calls for his personal service.

The time is auspicious for an advance all along our lines in the West. There is new hope and courage in the very air. The Conference of 1889 marks a new epoch in our history. It shows us the beginnings of a new spirit of liberality and consecration among our people; the dawning of a higher faith, a firmer purpose and a more thorough and intelligent acceptance of our position and responsibility as a religious body. Let it also be the beginning of a new activity, a new and stronger push forward in our missionary work. By as much as our faith is a help and inspiration to us, let us be earnest in extending its blessings to others. By as much as we believe in it as the promoter of the higher civilization, the nobler culture of mind and heart, the profounder faith in God and duty, let us join hands in the spirit of brotherhood and co-operation to make ourselves felt with new power in these great states where our lot is cast. The opportunity is too great to be missed through any want of system and energy in our work or through any inharmony among the workers. Brethren of the West, we have but one cause to labor for, one

work to do, one faith to advance. Let us put the emphasis where it belongs and count all things secondary to the interests of that noble truth which we hold in trust for the welfare of others.

#### PERSONAL.

A word is worth saying about the *personnel* of the Conference, which, though it numbered few of high distinction among its attendants, was yet a gathering of representative men and women. The presence of our Eastern friends was, this year as last, the source of much inspiration and pleasure. Mrs. Emily Fifield, of Boston, came as delegate from the Women's Auxiliary; but a number of good causes with which she is connected combined to render her visit of interest to many outside the Conference. Mrs. Fifield is a member of the school board in Boston, and her visit to Chicago seemed quite opportune in respect to the efforts the members of the Chicago Women's Club are making to put two more women on our city board. She visited the club on Wednesday afternoon where she repeated the agreeable impression made at the Women's Conference the day before, in a short address on the general subject of education and women's relation thereto. She also attended a session of the school directors, Wednesday evening, in company with Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, and was the recipient of many courtesies from that body, and from others working in the same line. The presence of Mrs. Theodore Williams, representing the New York League, and of Mrs. Catlin of Brooklyn, was also accounted a genuine help to the Conference. Each of these delegates read an excellent paper at the Tuesday meetings.

The preacher of the Conference was well selected in Rev. S. R. Calthrop, of Syracuse, whose stirring and thoughtful words on the religious aspect of modern thought have already been reported at some length in our columns. The venerable face and figure of Mrs. L. H. Stone, of Kalamazoo, the accomplished writer, teacher and traveler, was like a benediction. Though not formally connected with any of our Unitarian churches, Mrs. Stone is in full and avowed sympathy with the work and objects of the Conference, with a faith in and enthusiasm for ideas, combined with a constant industrious habit of study that put many a younger person to the blush. The refined and genial face of Henry Doty Maxson has become so familiar to us during the last year that we are growing to look for it as for an old friend. Mr. Maxson is a new-comer among us, but one who has already made his own place, and from whom the best things are expected. Of course Mr. Gannett was with us, a little preoccupied with the cares of the occasion, but ready to say his own strong right word at the right time, and keep the Conference to its highest level. Mr. Jones was busy and ubiquitous as usual. Mrs. Learned wins old friends anew and gains others beside, every time she makes her appearance among us. Her contribution to the Conference was given Tuesday afternoon in an informal talk, the "Higher Moral Tone of Society," which all listened to with pleasure and profit. Mr. Wendte's sudden appearance Thursday afternoon, *en route* to the East was one of the pleasant surprises. We were glad to have Mr. Hosmer himself this year, in place of the cable greeting from Paris last year. The noble figure of Doctor Kerr and his clear outspoken word, lent both distinction and worth to the occasion. The correspondent of the *Christian Register* was one of the busiest persons present, whose printed report of the meetings will help inform our Eastern friends what it is the Conference is trying to do. Among friendly outsiders Doctor Thomas and Mr. Salter contributed their word of brotherly greeting and encouragement. There were missing faces at the Conference, which nevertheless served to remind us that we had absent as well as present friends. We missed others besides, whose names must not be spoken, since their absence stands, it is to be sup-

posed, for indifference to or distrust of the present work and position of the Conference. It is with a consciousness of real loss and sorrow that we recall these missing ones: loss for ourselves and the general cause of a free rational faith for which we stand; sorrow for the absent support and fellowship such losses always entail. Thus our Conference presented an epitome of life itself, or a day's experience, in the combination of things gained and things lost, regret for the last not quite reaching gratitude for the first and so increasing hope for the future. C. P. W.

#### ONE DOLLAR IT IS!

On the first of March we asked our readers to help us in securing fifteen hundred new subscribers, we in return promising to add twenty-five per cent to our material and reduce thirty-three and a third per cent in price. In order to make this promise, our publisher figured to the closest margin, and we cannot ask him to do more, but at the same time we want this annual Conference number, that carries the news of so much hopeful work done and of large courage towards the future to many outside of our regular readers, to convey the tidings of this one more start forward. We go to press with 1374 on our list of new subscribers. The remaining 126 necessary to make the fifteen hundred are personally pledged by the senior editor, he believing that they are on the way now. So we are able to announce that henceforth "One dollar it is!" The "dollar of our fathers" will carry UNITY, with its fifty sermons, for one year to their sons and daughters. The mailing list of all our subscribers will be re-arranged on this scale of prices from March 1, the date of the first announcement.

It gives us still greater pleasure to make the more important announcement that we now place among our editorial contributors the names of those who will labor with us to the making UNITY in *fact* what it always has been in *dream*, the representative of broad tendencies and tender sympathies in all religious movements, and under various denominational and other names, an object lesson in religious fellowship. UNITY's dream has ever been a church of the Holy Spirit, a fraternity of reasoning souls, a hand-clasp across the theoretical chasms of ecclesiastical history. These new names need no introduction, but they deserve on our part a greeting. In R. Heber Newton of New York, William Salter of Chicago, M. J. Savage of Boston, M. D. Shutter of Minneapolis and E. G. Hirsch of Chicago, our readers will recognize respectively the representatives of the broader tendencies in the Episcopalian, Ethical Culture, Unitarian, Universalist and Jewish movements. All of them are men who believe that religion is larger than names, nobler than any single historic embodiment of the same, and that all church names that exclude from fellowship any child of humanity, are too small for them. Because they feel thus, and because UNITY aspires to represent this feeling, however far it may fall short, they give not simply formal consent to use their names, but their hearty love and faithful pledge to labor with us and for us so far as their many duties and remoteness will permit them. With the vacation exceptions, our readers may expect to find a word from each of them in our editorial column at least once a month. The spirit in which all these brethren have responded is well represented by the extract from the letter of acceptance from our Unity-Episcopalian brother of New York, printed elsewhere. In the name of Richard Bartram some of our readers will recognize the author of some of the most valuable and progressive Sunday-school manuals that have reached us from across the water. He is a London barrister, a representative of the younger and broader Unitarianism of Great Britain, a layman who has time for religion and who will send us monthly missives of how things are going and looking over there. What Mr. Bartram does for London, Mrs. Kate Gan-

nett Wells is to do for Boston. Thus we will try to obliterate space as well as name separations. In view of this latest vantage ground, may we not beg of our readers to consider this not a stopping place but a starting place? The fifteen hundred new subscribers obtained, and this larger corps of helpers, but give us the opportunity now to begin to make UNITY a *missionary sheet* and to find the *missionary constituency*. Now we are ready to gather in the subscribers, not fifteen hundred more but five thousand more, to represent those who need us and whom we need. We push forward and ask for your co-operation in all loving and constructive ways. With malice towards none and love for all, we offer our reconciling word of freedom, fellowship and character in religion.

Hopeful? Yes, but not too hopeful. Our readers must still remember that it is "poor UNITY," a child of many nurses, without a home of its own and with no parental protection. It continues to be the last thing to be attended to by hands and brains intensely preoccupied. As such our readers will be patient with its short-comings, indulgent with its mistakes, and sympathetic with its limitations. It will not always be so, we trust. After we have accomplished the \$50,000 endowment for the Western Unitarian Conference, to the raising of which UNITY lends itself, the coast will be clear for some one to move that an endowment fund of \$50,000 shall be raised for UNITY, the income of which shall be spent in paying a competent editor, who will bring time and talent adequate to the inspiring opportunity. When that motion is duly seconded UNITY will put the question and it will be carried. Meanwhile we will not wait but work with what is given us, and find faith for the future in the encouragements of the past.

#### THE FRATERNAL HAND OF HEBER NEWTON.

The following from the private letter of Rev. Heber Newton of All Souls church (Episcopalian), New York, accepting the position of associate in our editorial corps, is too good for private use, and so with his consent we are glad to print it, not only to show his spirit, but for the sake of saying that we earnestly desire to reciprocate the feeling and that we will try to live up to this high standard.

"Let me assure you of that which I think you already know, my very deep and cordial sympathy with the work that you are doing through UNITY. It goes without saying that there are points of difference between us, or we should not be in different folds; but I think you understand that the points of agreement between us are more and deeper than the points of difference. I wish the time might come when we could have a good talk together, for I am satisfied that between the spiritual and ethical movement which you and your comrades are leading and the old thought, when read by the spirit and not by the letter, there is no essential distinction. As I have said incidentally, with us it is largely the love of the old way of thinking, the old symbols of thought, plus also a greater emphasis upon the objective, historic manifestation in Jesus Christ; which to us is not a somewhat contrasted with the revelation in our own souls, but is that revelation made full in one human personality. To us it seems needful that there may be an external conscience and an external consciousness, by which our erring consciences and our dim consciousnesses may correct their aberrations and clear their obscurities.

"This much by way of preface. With this understanding I can honestly lend you a hand wherever feasible, and must rejoice to do so. Now, then, as to this particular proposition, my only possible hesitancy is on the ground of my health. . . . But I want very much to be with you in this new effort, and to let my name stand for the sympathy and co-operation of our men and to lend you such practical helping hand as my strength will permit."

## The Western Anniversaries.

### OPENING ADDRESS BEFORE THE WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

BY HON. D. L. SHOREY, PRESIDENT, MAY 14, 1889.

A generation has passed away since the first meeting of this Conference. We have many reasons for mutual congratulation at the opening this morning of our thirty-fifth annual session. I congratulate you that the Conference to-day is strong and useful; that its friends are loyal, enthusiastic and devoted; and that they mean to continue, and, if possible, improve upon the work which our predecessors commenced nearly forty years ago. We could not, if we would, ignore the value of our historic associations. They are full of interest to every one of us. We do our work the easier because our predecessors did their work well. It is a work, however, that is never done, and the opportunities for the usefulness of the Conference, especially to us Western Unitarians, is greater than ever before.

We have no monopoly of liberal thought. We are only one of many liberal organizations. In every denomination the liberal movement has its abundant following. We have no contention with those who prefer to work by other methods than ours.

There is no necessity now of dwelling long upon the functions of this Conference. It was organized to aid the Unitarian churches in the West, and to establish new churches as occasions arise. The report of our faithful Secretary, which will soon be laid before you, presents a satisfactory showing for the past year, and will impress you, I doubt not, with the continuing necessity of maintaining his work in the future. That work indicates clearly the true function of this Conference and the field of its labor. We have no other Unitarian organization fitted to take its place. Both the Eastern organizations with which we are in sympathy are too far away. For the present at least, Chicago is the most convenient center from which to direct the Unitarian activities in the West.

Our unhappy contentions about statements are no longer a cause of serious irritation. These statements arose out of seeming exigencies at the time. They are exceptions to the general policy, as they are foreign to the genius of the Unitarian movement. But comprehensive and true, and therefore unifying, is the clear call from Cincinnati, summoning us all to duty in the spirit of truth, love and righteousness.

There is no good reason now why any church in the West should incur the risk of factions within its own body, by refusing its support to the general cause represented by this Conference.

Our differences, except for some temporary misunderstandings, are too inconsiderable for a moment's thought.

Let us continue to stand by Unitarian tradition, leaving it to individuals to make their statements; and those who have ears to listen will catch the harmony of opinion. As in some grand forest one hears from a thousand different sounds the harmony of the sighing woods, so do we through many voices utter our gospel note, harmonious as nature.

Perhaps the most important special work to be done at this Conference will be to perfect the scheme for raising a general fund in accordance with the suggestion made at our last annual meeting.

The report of the committee appointed to prepare a plan for the raising of such general fund will be laid before you at one of our business sessions, when I hope an impetus will be given to the movement which will carry it to a successful conclusion at no distant day. In behalf of that scheme I urge the enthusiastic support of every friend of this Conference.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

READ AT THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, MAY 14-16, 1889.

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE: It is with a feeling of hearty cheer and encouragement that I present to you for the third time the report of your Directors. The year has been one of some growth and prosperity in our Western work. As letters of sympathy with the Conference and desire to co-operate with it in its work have poured in from Ohio, from Michigan, from Indiana, from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Dakota; as the kindly greetings have come from the Pacific Coast, and brotherly hands have been stretched out to us from New York and Massachusetts, it has seemed a most auspicious time for our beloved Conference. An occasional criticism and cold shoulder have served to remove from us the woe pronounced upon those of whom no man speaks ill.

The highest point of enthusiasm and inspiration of the Conference of 1888—the exercises commemorating "Fifty Years of Emerson"—sent its glow to many of our parishes and awoke therein answering chords of sympathy. So that in a number of Unitarian churches throughout the West, in accordance with a resolution of this Conference, recommending the semi-centennial celebration of the Divinity School Address, our debt to this noble "friend of those who would live in the spirit," was recognized and acknowledged by appropriate services.

We have this year special and practical reasons for courage and hope. There has been a more general response than for several years to the calls of the Conference, and the churches more generally have submitted to it their problems and asked its aid and direction in maintaining their work; and an increasing number of ministers have turned to it for information and guidance as to the natural center of the Western field. A Unitarian Club has been formed in Chicago, the first object of which is to aid in supporting the central headquarters of the Conference, and the several monthly meetings of this Club already held, have been occasions of much good fellowship and awakened interest in vital questions of the hour. The circulation of our literature is largely on the increase. UNITY has made a splendid stride forward, has enlarged its size and, on conditions which are now nearly fulfilled, has lowered its subscription price to one dollar. The movement to endow the Conference with a fund of fifty thousand dollars, which was one year ago proposed by Mr. J. M. Ware, of Chicago, has been gradually assuming shape as a thing to be done; the secretary's traveling expenses, heavier than heretofore, have been entirely paid from the field and something more. The gifts of churches have increased and individual givers have stood loyally by our work, and we come up to this time with the bills of the Conference all paid or provided for.

#### THE WORK OF THE SECRETARY.

During the year he has traveled 19,148 miles, as against 15,248 the previous year, has received from places visited \$504.66, as against \$202.38 the previous year, has paid out for traveling expenses \$428.62, as against \$327.95 last year, leaving a surplus of \$76.04, which he has turned into the treasury. He has been called to preach to and aid churches in procuring pastors at La Porte and Hobart, Ind.; Alton, Hinsdale, Moline, Monmouth and Mattoon, Ill.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Janesville and Baraboo, Wis.; Manly Junction, Iowa; Unity Church, Cincinnati and Omaha, Neb., in all thirteen; has supplied the pulpit, one or more times, in the absence of the pastor, at Monroe, Menomonie and Eau Claire, Wis.; Sioux City and Davenport, Iowa; Cleveland, Ohio; Unity Church, St. Louis, Mo.; the Church of the Messiah, Louisville, Ky.; the Third Church, Chicago; the churches at Geneva, Ill.

and Jackson, Mich.; has made a missionary journey of two weeks in Dakota, organizing a Sunday circle at Huron, which has for some months now supported a minister—Miss Helen G. Putnam—and one at Aberdeen; has taken part in the exercises of State conferences in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois, and also in one meeting of the "Rock River Circle," has assisted in the dedication of four new churches—at Hinsdale and Moline, Ill., Manly and Sioux City, Iowa; has corresponded with twenty-five ministers (most of them in the Eastern states), desiring temporary or permanent work in the West; has been in communication with ten ministers of other denominations, respecting fellowship in the Unitarian church; has personally attended to the large and increasing correspondence at the headquarters; has for some months edited the field-note page of UNITY, which he desires to use as efficiently as possible in the interests of co-operation and fellowship; has been on hand at the central office five days of most weeks to give the word of greeting to ministers and laymen from different and often distant parts of the country, and to respond to the inquiries and requests of those who come in search of fellowship and ideas. For a portion of the year the calls for pulpit-supply were more numerous than he could possibly meet in person, and much needed assistance was given by Rev. Jay Belknap and others.

#### THE HEADQUARTERS.

The work at headquarters has never been more interesting or important than during the past year. The work of the Women's Conference, of the Western Sunday-school Society, and of Unity Publishing Committee, has been carried on with increasing energy and efficiency. The tract distribution is a feature of growing magnitude and importance. You will learn from the report of Miss L. M. Dunning, secretary of Unity Publishing Committee, that 41,343 tracts have been sent out from headquarters within the year, and of this number 37,343 have been bought and paid for by applicants, who have seen the advertisements of our literature in UNITY or elsewhere. Six new tracts have been published, and as many as twenty-five new editions of old ones have been called for. The first edition of Unity Short Tract, No. 21, containing four responsive services for Sunday Circles, prepared by your secretary, has been exhausted and orders are now awaiting the issue of a new edition. It would make a volume, rich in interest, could we gather together the choice bits of experience which illuminate the Post-Office Mission chapters of our recent history, a history that is being written to-day in hundreds of homes throughout the land. At these headquarters regular quarterly meetings of your Directors have been held, and at the meeting of August 28, a committee was appointed to mature a plan for closer co-operation between the State and Western conferences. This plan was drafted and according to instructions, submitted by your secretary to the State conferences in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, it proposed that each State conference should select the point within its bounds deemed most important and promising for missionary work, and that the Western Conference, through its secretary, should co-operate with the State conferences in the maintenance of regular services at such point for a given period. It is hoped that the carrying out of this plan of systematic work will give good results for our cause in the future.

In reporting upon the general condition of Unitarian work in the West, your secretary has depended first upon his own observation and knowledge of the situation; second upon the reports of state secretaries, and where these could not be procured, of individual ministers who kindly furnished information of their own work and that in their vicinity.

Last autumn, as the year previous, "Behold there came wise men from the East"—Messrs. Reynolds, Horton, Ames, Slicer and Batchelor, who spent some weeks in visiting various points in the West. And wherever they went their sermons and addresses were heard with much interest.

#### THE MEADVILLE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

We are indebted to Pres. A. A. Livermore for the following interesting report of the condition and prospects of the school to which we owe some of our most efficient ministers.

"We have had this year the largest number, we believe, of students during the existence of the school; in all, thirty-seven. The material, too, has been in general of good quality. There have been four women and thirty-three men in the school. The nationality of the students has been remarkable, constituting as it does a kind of international school, and looking towards action on other countries as well as our own. Three Norwegians, two Hollanders, two Germans, two English, two Canadians, two Japanese, are in our catalogue. And in our own country we range from Maine to the Pacific. The work of the class room has on the whole been superior to previous years.

"The teaching department is altogether inadequate for the times and the increased number of students. Measures are being taken to endow 'a James Freeman Clarke Professorship,' and it is hoped with the new spring given to Unitarianism in this country, that the effort will be successful. Other schools with fewer pupils have nine or ten professors; we have but three. Let us hope that something may be done to change this state of things.

"We must plan and work for the future of our school and our faith. The demand of the nation and the world on us is increasing every year. May we be equal to it, thanking God for the past, and taking courage for the future." Brother Livermore adds in a personal note: "We have ten to go out in June, and perhaps you may see some work for them in your Western diocese."

#### STATE CONFERENCES.

The work of the State Conferences, though far from being all that we could desire, is still on the whole advancing, showing signs of increasing vitality. Your secretary, who attended the Iowa Conference in Sioux City last week, could but contrast the attendance there, sixteen ministers and some sixty delegates, with the meeting at which the Conference was organized in 1877, by a half dozen persons of which he was one, in a hotel parlor in Burlington. The Illinois Conference has got so far along as to have developed an offshoot which has named itself the "Rock River Circle of Unitarian Churches," and holds quarterly meetings to promote fellowship and good works among its members. To visit any one of the half dozen active Conferences in the West is to find yourself in the midst of a company of ministers and laymen intent upon developing the resources of their own state for the promotion of Unitarian work. I name the conferences in their historic order.

#### WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin was the first state to organize and has maintained its organization for more than twenty-two years. It holds two sessions annually, has twelve organized societies and five settled ministers. From several of these ministers and from other sources reports have been received, which indicate encouraging growth. From Kenosha, where no work has been done for several years, Mrs. Bradford writes: "As a result of the inspiring effect of the Western Conference of last year and an opportune visit from Mr. Jones, a Unity Club was formed last August, and has held weekly meetings since that time, Lowell having been our subject of study. . . . The Club has helped to keep the spirit alive. . . . The library, which for several years was untouched,

has been open to the public all through the fall and winter for an hour on Sunday morning, one of our few remaining faithful boys attending to the wants of the twenty or thirty who called for books." The preaching of Mr. H. C. Hullinger, on a recent Sunday, awakened "a more general interest than has been shown for a long time," and steps were immediately taken to secure his services for the summer. The letter from which I quote is full of hope for better things in the near future for Kenosha.

Professor Maxson writes from Menomonie: "I have no definite statistics which would correctly represent our condition and work, either here or in Eau Claire. I presume that you know of our organizing in the latter place under the name 'Unity Church of Eau Claire.' The congregations are still small (they may average fifty), but there is a marked gain as compared with last year, and every prospect of permanence. Here, too, our prosperity has exceeded my expectations. The congregations average about one hundred forty. In Eau Claire we have a study circle who meet every other Monday evening, and are following Mr. Gannett's Lessons on the French Revolution, and have just organized a Bible-class, which meets just before the evening service.

"In this place, Menomonie, we have two circles, meeting alternately on Friday evenings, one studying the history of the French revolution, and the other Lowell. Our Sunday-school meets before the morning service with a fair attendance, and I have a conversation class immediately after the service, for an informal talk on matters contained in or suggested by the morning sermon. The ladies of the Society continue to meet once a week for reading and charitable work, and have assumed the labor of looking after tract distributions, locally and through the post-office in this part of the state." I have quoted somewhat at length from this letter to show what one Wisconsin minister is accustomed to count as his weekly stint of work—two parishes with all their accompaniments, Sunday-schools, study circles, Bible-class, conversation class and Sunday services, and a ride of twenty miles from parish to parish. The society of Janesville has lost an efficient pastor in the transfer of Joseph Waite to Troy, N. Y. Evansville Unity Society, through its secretary, Mrs. Campbell, sends cordial greeting to this Conference. Mrs. Campbell regrets her inability to be present. "One sees so much to do" is the burden of the letter from this society with "a goodly amount of liberal sentiment, and a fair share of workers, but present inactivity and no minister." Baraboo, which for several years shared with Janesville the ministry of Mr. Waite, and was for some months without a minister, has called to its pulpit Lloyd Skinner, who was ordained and installed May 6.

Mr. G. W. Buckley holds the fort bravely at Monroe. Mrs. Savage is still the center of Unitarian light and hope at Cooksville.

In answer to my request for some word concerning his work at Madison, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Crooker, sends a recently published little book, "Ten years of Unitarianism in Madison," which shows steady and excellent work in noble directions, also the prospectus and press notices of his "Meditations on the Problem of Problems—Jesus Brought Back," which is an earnest contribution to the religious literature of the past year.

Black River Falls is the seat of an awakened interest under the preaching of T. Grafton Owen, of Arcadia, and recently entertained the State Conference.

Helena continues to be ministered to every Sunday by devout laymen and women of its congregation. Truly a whole congregation in training for the ministry. Its ten dollars giving it delegate membership in the Western

Conference, was accompanied with words of cordial greeting and sympathy.

#### MICHIGAN.

The Michigan Conference was organized nine years later than the Wisconsin. In recent years it has been somewhat irregular in its meetings. It has nominally sixteen organized societies. Of these seven are now active. Five out of the seven have responded cordially to the invitation of your secretary by sending reports or delegates to this Conference. Ann Arbor and Midland send no reports. Kalamazoo, after months of discouragement, has risen up in new vigor and hope, and the coming man to whom they looked for the leadership that was to save them, has turned out to be a woman—Miss C. J. Bartlett, of Sioux Falls, Dak. Miss Bartlett is to begin her regular ministry there September 1, under most auspicious circumstances.

Jackson holds its own and a little more. It has raised for salary and other expenses \$1,953. Its Saturday Night Club, which discusses most serious and important subjects, is maintained with unflagging interest and has had a profitable and prosperous season.

Manistee has for its pastor Rev. A. W. Gould, received into Unitarian fellowship from the Congregational body June 26, 1888, and settled at Manistee in October following. He reports the total amount of money raised by the church, in all its departments, as \$2,901. It has a Unity Club of seventy-four members, a Sunday-school, a Boys' Club and Ladies' Benevolent Association, also a Reading-Room Association with reading-room open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and all day Sunday.

The Free Holland church of Grand Rapids reports an increase from 140 to 180 in its Sunday-school; in the four classes of religious instruction, an increase from sixty to seventy-five, a confirmation class of twelve adults, and a society of Willing Workers in four departments. The Social Department stands for help for the poor, a sewing school for girls and visitation of the sick, and four times a year, for grand social occasions in church-life, two of these in a public hall and two, in the words of pastor Hugenholtz, "in one of our parks on Sunday forenoon where we hold our service and Sunday-school, and we have afterwards together our meal. Our people enjoyed this wood-predaching last summer very much." The School Department of Willing Workers consist of the teachers of the Sunday-school and others who join with them, having read last winter Lessing's "Nathan the Wise." This department has also the care of the Library, and during the summer organizes a Holland school to teach the children to read and write their native language. The Missionary Department distributes liberal Holland literature and endeavors to come into correspondence with liberal Hollanders throughout the country. Then there is a department of general usefulness which does all sorts of good things. It has a charity committee working as far as possible in the spirit of the organized charities. It teaches the principles of the English language to newcomers, gymnastics to a class of fifty boys, and drawing to a class of young carpenters. "Thus," says the pastor, "many of them did what they could, and gave what they had, and bore the name of 'Willing Workers' with honor."

#### ILLINOIS.

The Illinois Conference came into existence but a few weeks after the Michigan. It meets annually in the month of October. It has fifteen organized societies connected with it. Eleven of these societies are supplied with ministers, and three of the four now without ministers are in good condition—two of them having recently dedicated new churches—and they will soon doubtless elect their pastors. The State Secretary has kindly sent me the following report: "It is entirely safe

to report progress in the work of our churches. I know not one that is in any despairing mood. A few have no stated ministry, yet maintain such forms of activity as they are able. Others have recently found supplies. Alton receives with glad welcome H. D. Stevens, of Moline. Sheffield, with open arms, takes a young man from Quincy church, untried and inexperienced, so far as public speaking is concerned. Six weeks of service proves to his people that their choice could not have fallen on one more worthy. Monmouth society is rapidly growing in character and influence under the efficient labors of Rev. O. B. Beals from Iliion, N. Y. The liberal elements in and about Princeton, of various denominational predilections, have united their forces under the name, "People's Association," and called to their aid, as preacher and pastor, Rev. Virgil H. Brown, formerly of the Protestant Methodist faith. Every Sunday morning and evening from two to four hundred people come together in Apollo Hall to hear Mr. Brown's instructive and constructive speech. The movement includes all the forms of activity common to our progressive churches. The work has been going on seven months, and is found to supply a great need in Princeton. A similar movement is reported in Aurora, of which I cannot speak definitely. Another, in Aledo, Mercer County, at present ministered to by a Presbyterian of liberal leanings, practically occupies the same ground, but without formal organization as yet. Several others are under advisement. They are all with us in aim, purpose, spirit.

"It is noticed that the drift of the church life among us is unmistakably in the direction of applied ethics and practical humanities. While there is no abatement of interest on the thought side of religion; while the search for truth is as earnest and fearless as ever, there seems little disposition to dogmatize. Heated controversy is out of date. It is assumed that every man must have his own theology as he has his ideas on other matters. Constructive work is the demand of the hour. The good organizer and pastor is sought hardly less than the good speaker. Church activities widen. More do they address themselves to the complex needs of man. They aim to quicken not only the distinctively religious part of human nature, but its intellectual, ethical, esthetical and social sides as well.

"The broad humanitarian work which our churches are trying to do indicates a purpose of securing for their children, so far as possible, a rounded humanity, and helping qualify adult life to better meet its responsibilities and uses.

"The Post-Office Mission arm of our work is gradually being strengthened. The workers are multiplying. When the attention of churches has been especially called to this method of doing, individuals have taken it up, writing to friends stating their object, and asking these friends to write to their friends. Considerable literature is being circulated in this way, which, of course, is never reported. Altogether the labor in this line is encouraging. Still it is small in comparison with what needs to be done.

"Three church edifices have been erected within the bounds of the Illinois Conference the past year. The friends at Rockford, Hinsdale and Moline are to be congratulated.

"Congregations can be easily gathered in many places, but to supply them with acceptable ministers is a more difficult thing. There is, indeed, a pressing demand in the state and in the west for ministers who can, for a time, work on small pay. Who will suggest a method to meet this want?"

As supplementary to this excellent report of the Illinois Secretary I may add the Third Church, Chicago, reported itself at its last annual meeting in excellent financial condition, and faces coming problems with courage and hope. All

Souls church, J. L. Jones, pastor, has had a year of marked prosperity. It is a hard working church with a hard working minister at its head. The work at Champaign, under the auspices of the State Conference, with the financial backing of the A. U. A., also deserves attention. The course of sermons and lectures by Illinois ministers, begun last year under the auspices of the State Conference, has been carried on for six months of the present year by Learned, Utter, Milsted, Miller, Stevens and Blake. These meetings have awakened much interest among the people in Champaign—the seat of the State University—and it is hoped that the movement so auspiciously begun will in time bring forth permanent results.

#### IOWA.

The Iowa Conference has made its influence felt all around by the business-like character of its annual deliberations, by the missionary zeal of its members, and by its general earnestness and activity. At its last session the two following resolutions were unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That this Conference heartily approves the establishment of the "Chicago Institute for Instruction in Morals and Religion," and earnestly recommends it to the patronage of persons desiring a ministerial training.

*Resolved*, That we heartily second the efforts being made to increase the endowment of the A. U. A. by one hundred thousand dollars, and to raise an endowment for the Western Unitarian Conference of fifty thousand dollars.

The general condition of the work within the bounds of the Conference was reported excellent. Rock Rapids, without a settled minister, by the kindly help of the pastor at Luverne, Mrs. E. T. Wilkes, has sustained services during a large part of the year. At Manly Junction, where your Secretary helped the people to dedicate a little church last September the fire has been kept burning on the Unitarian altar by the self-sacrificing labor of Burton Babcock, late of Meadville.

The churches with settled pastors are all astir and in good condition. Humboldt sent a delegation of eighteen to the Sioux City Conference, and reported an increase in money raised of 20 per cent. over last year. The work of its Unity Club was spoken of with enthusiasm as a noble stimulus to the best life of the church.

Iowa City reported growing interest and more money raised than last year, and bore strong testimony to the religious value of the Unity Club.

Davenport reported an increase of 20 per cent. in average attendance, church repairs and improvements amounting to twelve hundred dollars, an increase of three hundred dollars in the minister's salary, an enrollment of 117 Post-Office Mission correspondents, a series of successful Sunday evening services, and the Sunday-school doubled in numbers.

The Des Moines church has entered upon a new era of usefulness and prosperity. A successful Unity Club, more money raised than ever before, congregations increasing to the full capacity of the church, successful Opera House meetings, conducted by the pastor, Miss Hultin, at which the audiences reached twelve hundred—all hint the story of the past year.

Unity Church, Sioux City, has just dedicated an elegant and convenient church-home, costing over \$21,000, and has paid for it entirely out of its own pocket—the bills having been all provided for, the day before the dedication. The subscriptions toward the church, we were told, ranged all the way from ten cents to twelve hundred dollars. One quiet, unpretentious gentleman, who sat beside me at the recent Conference, told me that he had eight hundred dollars invested in that church and that it did him more good than any other investment he ever made! The pastor of the church, Mary A. Safford, after some months of rest and recuperation in the east, is again at her post with unabated courage and enthusiasm,

## INDIANA.

The State Conference here is at present in a comatose condition. It counts two churches, one of which, La Porte, after a considerable interregnum has found a pastor in Rev. Jay. Belknap, admitted to the Unitarian fellowship during the year, from the Congregational body. Mr. Belknap reports \$1,500 raised during the year for all purposes, Sunday congregations more than doubled, quite a number of new names added to the list of church members, an interesting Sunday-school, and an Emerson class of fifteen members. He began in April, missionary work in the country on Sunday evenings. Hobart has been supplied this year, as the year previous, by Chicago ministers, according to a plan arranged by your Secretary.

## OHIO.

The Ohio Conference now includes five churches, one of them organized during the past year. The mother-church at Cincinnati has housed itself anew in the suburbs of the city, whither a large number of its people had previously removed. Those left behind have organized the new Unity church and have maintained services uninterruptedly since last October. Brother Judson Fisher has been supplying the pulpit regularly during the winter. The chairman of the trustees of this church writes: "We are now the only Unitarian church in Cincinnati proper, and have a large work before us, one which taxes our strength and tries the faith of some of our people to the utmost. Our receipts for the first six months have been \$1,096. We can enter upon our second year with much more encouragement and in vastly better shape than the first. We have a Sunday-school of a hundred members, a Hospitality Section, a Benevolent Section, a Literary and Educational Section and a Musical Section, each of which has raised all the money needed for its operations. We have a Unity club of forty members and a Unitarian study class of twenty-three.

The church at Cleveland comes up to the year's close a happy and prosperous family. The Toledo church, A. G. Jennings, pastor, reports \$3,225 raised for the support of the church and Free Kindergarten, a thousand dollars pledged towards the new church to be built this fall, a Sunday-school of 120 members, and an increase in the list of contributors for next year of 25 per cent.—a good showing for a young church. Our ancient post at Marietta is still held faithfully by Brother Lusk.

## KANSAS.

The Kansas Conference, organized in 1880, sends through its secretary (who is also a director of the Western Conference) the following report:

"To the Western Conference hearty greeting. I had hoped to be present with you this spring, but the total depravity of inanimate as well as animate things forbids. May the meeting be to you all a joy and an inspiration! I herewith send my report of Kansas.

"Our two Unitarian churches, at Topeka and Lawrence, still live. Both societies have a Unity Club and a women's organization. In Topeka the members of the latter became wearied of their attempts at earning money for church purposes by fairs, etc., and their husbands were convinced it was easier and better to give directly what was needed, and so the ladies have been able to give their energies to a delightful study of Emerson, and it has been a most satisfactory arrangement all round. In Lawrence our Women's Aid Society has raised something over \$700 the past five years, and have now in the treasury \$175, which they propose appropriating towards the buying a lot for the new church which we hope to have some time. The members are very active, energetic workers, and the meetings have been delightful social events and have done much to keep up a warm personal interest among ourselves. The Unity Clubs in both places have been alive, and ex-

cellent papers have been presented. In Lawrence many of the University professors have favored us with essays and lectures.

"The society at Wichita still continues under the administration of Mr. Hogeland. The Conference of Unitarian churches in Kansas met there in the fall and had a good meeting. It was pleasant to meet the earnest band of workers there and to see how hopeful they were. They hold their services in an upper hall, but look forward to the time when they may have a church building.

"The cause grows in Fort Scott under the care of Mr. Caldwell, who still preaches there and at Uniontown, and is doing an earnest organizing work. Fort Scott has a population of eighteen thousand and there ought to be a very strong society there, and the present movement promises well to succeed.

"Salina is a city of ten thousand people, on the U. P. R. R., one of the prettiest places in Kansas, and with an excellent class of citizens. A more attentive and appreciative body of people one seldom sees than the forty or fifty who gather together once a month in a pleasant little hall to listen to Mr. Powell. They hope to be able to have preaching semi-monthly hereafter. Among the active workers here is Mrs. Laura M. Johns, president of the State Equal Suffrage Society, and to whom the women of Kansas owe more perhaps than to any other one person for our right to municipal suffrage.

"Eureka is a city of three thousand, and here Mr. Powell has gathered a little group of hearers to whom he speaks as often as he can, but his church at Topeka requires much of his time and ought to have it all, and we ought to have a missionary all the time in the field."

## NEBRASKA.

The Nebraska Conference is without regular meetings. The society at Beatrice, under the care of Mary L. Leggett, after many vicissitudes is now meeting in the basement of its new church which is to be completed and dedicated next autumn. Through Miss Leggett's personal influence twenty-five hundred dollars have been given towards the new building, almost entirely from the generosity of eastern friends. A good spiritual organizing work is being done here. North Platte continues to be held by a small nucleus of earnest laymen. Omaha has for some months been without a pastor, Mr. Copeland, who had been there for nine years, having gone to the help of the Pacific Coast. The church is holding its own under the ordeal of hearing new voices in its pulpit from Sunday to Sunday. Your Secretary, having preached there several Sundays, was impressed with the geniality and earnestness of the people and the fine opportunity of growth in a city so large and prosperous as Omaha.

## MINNESOTA.

The Minnesota Conference, organized November 17, 1887, has ten societies and holds its sessions semi-annually. The Secretary of the Conference, Mr. E. C. Sprague, reports that "all the societies, excepting Duluth, have settled pastors and all seem to be in a very fair condition." St. Cloud, under the pastorate of C. J. Staples, is prospering, has raised for all purposes in the year \$3,200, and hopes to build a church.

The first Unitarian Society of Minneapolis is in a flourishing condition, has audiences of four or five hundred, maintains a Sewing-school, a Kindergarten, a Ladies' Benevolent Society, a History class and a Philosophy class, both very well attended.

The Post Office-Mission has received between six and seven hundred letters and sent out a large amount of printed matter. The Sunday-school has an average attendance of about seventy.

Sioux Falls, though in South Dakota, is included in the Minnesota Conference, and reports the following: Amount of money raised, \$1,555. The Ladies' Unity Circle has assumed charge

of Post-Office Mission work for South Dakota, and for some months took charge of the Sunday Circle at Huron, Dak., distributing Unitarian literature from railroad stations and from the church-door pulpit. The Unity Club has held weekly sessions, with good attendance and satisfactory work.

Winona reports a healthful condition of things. It has a missionary station at the east end of the town, also a Post-Office Mission and a Unity Club. It is represented in the Margaret Simpson Home Association, an unsectarian charity of which its minister, Walter F. Greenman, is secretary. Its great need is a church building. That given, within eighteen months or two years, writes Mr. Greenman, "we can expect one of the most substantial followings in the city."

Luverne reports congregations ranging from sixty to a hundred and fifty, \$3,100 raised for current expenses and on new church building—the cornerstone of which has just been laid, an earnest spirit of work in the Society, a Post-Office Mission, and a movement on foot to hold a series of meetings in the country school-houses and smaller towns of the county. The minister, Mrs. Wilkes, has driven fifteen miles every Sunday during part of the year, to hold evening service at Rock Rapids. Kristofer Janson, pastor of the Scandinavian Liberal church in Minneapolis, and general missionary to the Scandinavians of the Northwest, gives a good account of work done and doing in his three established congregations in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Brown County. He speaks of extensive lecture trips through Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota, and of a congregation of thirty-seven members started in Underwood, Minn., which holds regular Sunday meetings, and is building a hall for its accommodation. His monthly, "The Sower," he regards as his greatest missionary effort. His congregations at Minneapolis overflow the audience-room.

## KENTUCKY, MISSOURI.

The Church of the Messiah, Louisville, has a large congregation of substantial people. Its pastor, Brother C. J. K. Jones, writes: "We are holding our own, which is something, considering that orthodoxy of the old sort is dominant in social and ecclesiastical circles."

Your Secretary, on a recent visit to St. Louis, found Unity church full of people, a well-ordered Sunday-school, and an enthusiastic Unity Club.

The Western Sunday-school Institute, held in this church last October, was an occasion of much interest and importance in its suggestions of method in our Sunday-schools and in its stimulus to Sunday-school workers. From the Church of the Messiah, St. Louis, from Unity church, St. Joseph, and the Unitarian church of Kansas City, no reports have been received.

## COLORADO.

Rev. Thomas Van Ness writes from Denver: "Our congregation averages in the morning four hundred and over. There are one hundred and eight gentlemen pew-holders and seat-holders." Among the organized activities of the church is a Ladies' Aid Society, a Unity Club, a Woman's Auxiliary, a Unity Sewing-school for poor young girls, a Sunday-school with 150 scholars, and an Auxiliary Mission Library, open every Sunday after church. Mr. Van Ness adds, "There is crying need for more men. Pueblo and Colorado Springs in particular await the earnest hand and heart. The south side of Denver is ready for a new church. Where is the man?" Rev. R. W. Savage, of Greeley, writes that his audiences average between eighty and one hundred, that about \$2,000 has been raised for church work, that small contributions have been sent to the A. U. A. and the W. U. C., that a Post-Office Mission and a Unity Club have been organized, the church newly furnished, and the audience room made inviting and convenient. During the winter, the Sunday evening discourses were all,

with one exception, given by laymen, and the minister writes of these services as a great success. He concludes a most interesting letter as follows: "There are many towns in Wyoming and Colorado that need Unitarian churches and in which societies could be organized. But the ministers attempting such work will get very small salaries and will meet every phase of discouragement and trial. They will have to work hard and live on a small portion of the material comforts of life. We need a minister at large for Colorado and southern Wyoming. The right man would meet with good success. The next best move, in my opinion, is to flood this State and a portion of Wyoming with Unitarian literature. . . . Can you not visit Greeley and give us an awakening?"

Such are some of the facts of the Western work as I have been able to gather them. The Western Unitarian Year Book of 1888 names eighty-nine organized societies, to which should be added four new ones. Of these nineteen are inactive, leaving seventy-four active societies. Of this number sixty are reported to us directly by their pastors or interested laymen, or through the secretaries of State conferences; and forty-seven are in active sympathy by their contributions or by the co-operation of their ministers with the Western Conference.

Nearly every church reporting its financial condition, reports an encouraging gain over last year. Six churches have been built at an aggregate cost (approximately estimated) of sixty-eight thousand dollars. The missionary spirit is growing, and the missionary work is taking a wider range. Unity Club work is getting a deeper hold on our people and ministering directly to the best life of the church, and the Unitarian laity are no longer merely hearers of the word, but actively co-operating with their ministers for the spread of the liberal gospel.

There are other and larger facts which could not be expressed in statistics—facts of the broadening of thought, of the enlightening of ignorance, of the swelling of joy and aspiration in hearts newly emancipated into the larger hope and higher truth, facts which kindle enthusiasm and emphasize our responsibility as bearers of a message for which so many hearts are hungering. Fourteen States stretch out their hands to us. They are saying to us that the Unitarian movement is a rising power; that the ideas and principles which underlie it are spreading among the people; that the time is ripe for a religion that appeals to both head and heart—not a religion that is anti-trinitarian, or anti-orthodox, but a religion that is moral, reverent, rational, constructive; that there is needed in the West both the prophetic voice and the executive hand to guide and sustain the movement towards larger freedom and a more practical and undogmatic religion.

I believe there is courage enough, enthusiasm enough, moral force enough among us to bear our Conference on to an ever greating efficiency, and finally to blend all shades of Unitarianism in the white light of "truth, righteousness and love."

The Western Conference believes in itself, believes in its opportunity to do a distinctive and beneficent work, and "with love to all and malice toward none," it proposes to bend its energies to the accomplishment of that work.

## OUR NEEDS.

The needs of our Western work are great. We need money. Calls have come to me from struggling missionaries in Kansas, in Dakota, in Iowa: "If we could only get a little help," they say, "a hundred dollars, two hundred, three hundred dollars, we could sustain our movement and establish a church." It is true the giving of money to churches, as to individuals, is often debilitating, but when I see how much anxiety on the part of a toiling pioneer minister it would relieve, to feel that he had somebody be-

hind him to shoulder a part of the burden; how much steadiness and strength it would give our Conference to be able to give this helping hand, then I feel that we must hasten to put ourselves in better condition to do our work. Your Directors welcome the movement to endow the Conference with the small sum of \$50,000. They are sure that this is but the forerunner of the hundreds of thousands which will yet be placed at the disposal of the Conference when our men of wealth begin to realize their opportunity and remember to provide in their wills for the growing demands of the cause that enlists their interest to-day. The other day at the Iowa Conference one of its noble women ministers said to me, "Our people ought to remember the Western Conference in their wills. I intend to remember it in my will. I have not much to give, but every little helps." Brothers and sisters, please take notice!

Another need is, men and women to take up this cause and give to it the force of personal influence, give it hands and feet. Whenever a parish loses a good minister, it is a serious problem how to fill his place. When new fields are to be entered on, the opportunity must often be lost for want of the right man. Van Ness in Denver, Savage in Greeley, Covell in Illinois, all cry out, "Show us the man!" Surely if demand creates supply we shall have heroic men and women raised up by and by to meet our urgent need.

JOHN R. EFFINGER, Secretary.

#### FROM THE OPENING ADDRESS BEFORE THE WOMEN'S WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

BY VICTORIA M. RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT.  
CHICAGO, MAY 13, 1889.

To the delegates and friends gathered here for the eighth annual reunion of our Women's Western Unitarian Conference, we extend a most cordial greeting. The presence of so many delegates from sister conferences in the east and far west is a great pleasure, and we hope the feast prepared may fill them with the assurance we are all working upon the same grand lines, each trying in her own way to build up the kingdom.

This Union in Missionary work is one of the most hopeful signs in our denomination. May the great spirit of fellowship and intercommunication extend until we shall become one grand conference, working for the uplifting of humanity, and the unity of the spirit. Let us all realize more fully the importance of co-operation and coming together for consultation and interchange of thoughts and methods. Some one has said, "Religion is the every-day power of every-day life." This power has shown itself in the organization of just such conferences as this. The first Woman's Missionary Society was organized about a quarter of a century ago. Now, nearly every denomination has its Woman's organization, doing a work that can scarcely be estimated. A membership of one and a half millions, circulating millions of pages of tracts, thousands of denominational papers, holding meetings in all parts of the world, presided over by women; papers and addresses read by the sisterhood with dignity and ability—forty years ago such a work would have been considered impossible. The energy that used to be expended upon all sorts of frivolities, the months of time spent upon embroidery and crewel painting, stitch upon stitch, has now become an organized force for the betterment of the world. Women have learned their own capabilities and, better still, have convinced the world that they are needed as humanitarians as well as home-keepers. The Unitarian denomination has always given to its women, opportunity, and listened with as marked attention to women preachers as to men. Their message has been gladly received, particularly in the West, where a strong force of able, consecrated women are not only filling the pulpits, but bravely building the churches, making it possible for more men and women to spread

the glad tidings of the liberal faith. There seems such a demand for more preachers that the Women's Conference might well contribute its energy, force and means upon the work. Can we not this year stimulate more students to enter the ministry? The great prairies of the West are sending out to us the cry for more workers, and while Harvard Divinity School is still closed to women students, Meadville Theological School welcomes them to all privileges extended to men, save the scholarship; the faculty yet interpret the word student as male, and the scholarship can only go to young men. Can we not bring such a force to bear upon this conservatism, that they must in time yield to the pressure, and allow the woman student equal privileges with the man.

As a denomination we are frequently accused of *too radical ideas*, and yet we are practising a conservatism that many of the other sects have outgrown. Let us all work together in developing not only our own lives into the higher religious life, but inspiring others to go forth and teach to the eager seekers for truth the redeeming power of this blessed gospel which requires no pledging of oneself to dogmas they cannot comprehend. Let the earnest, practical women gathered at this Conference to-day, realize the need of giving not only from their abundance, but from their small store, the means needed to send able, patient, enthusiastic women to share in the work of liberalizing the waiting millions who know nothing of this doctrine of truth, righteousness and love.

Mr. Jones says concerning the ordination of Miss Elinor E. Gordon to the Unitarian ministry, on the evening of May 8, at Sioux City, Iowa: "Last Wednesday night I witnessed an occasion which, in one respect at least, was unique, the like of which, I suspect, never before occurred in the history of Christendom. I was present at the ordination of a woman to the ministry where there were seven other ordained women preachers, eight women,—and the ninth was accidentally detained from being present,—all of them standing in the advance guard, laboring for a church with untrammelled fellowship, believing that the time has come for a religion of character, and that thereby the heart, as well as the head, can find its higher activities. This is to me a most significant and auspicious spectacle. It is evidence that the new ground has not only been broken, but that the new crop is already coming in."

We do not plead for an exclusive Women's Conference, but we think our position is ably stated by Mrs. Barrows in her plea for the Boston Auxiliary Conference. Our relation with the Western Conference seems identical. She says: "The American Unitarian Association, though made up of a membership of both men and women, was wholly officered by men. At last one or two women were reluctantly admitted to the board, but the masculine element was so predominant the feminine influence was scarcely felt. There were many women, however, who believed the denomination was losing much power by this practically one-sided arrangement, and they decided to organize the Auxiliary Society, whose main object should be to develop the religious life of its members, thus quickening the conscience into such vigorous life, that the secondary object—that of raising money—should be made easier."

This seems our exact position, and can any one who has watched the growth of the Post-Office Mission under the especial stimulus of the women's organizations, the quickening of the sympathies of our western women, the growth of the missionary spirit, the unanimity of our co-operation and extending of our influence,—can any one doubt the wisdom of the few women pioneers, in this movement eight years ago? The broad-minded brothers of the Western Conference who aided and stimulated the move-

ment, felt that as the older denominations recognized the power and force for good of the women's societies, so we of the younger denomination needed the same experience to arouse our enthusiasm for our religious convictions, and train our women to help spread our special faith, which they believed best calculated to redeem the world from superstition and unbelief. Resolutions were passed by the Western Conference in 1878 urging the organization of this Conference, feeling we had a work to do. Should the time come when the majority of this Conference should decide that there is no longer need for our separate organization and the work can be better done by all forces combined, we will willingly lay aside our belief in the separate organization, as we have been compelled in the past to renounce many an outgrown creed, feeling sure that from its death, some better flower will blossom to brighten and enrich the world.

#### EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.—1888-89.

Nineteen Societies of liberal women are connected with this Conference by delegate membership. They range in size from sixteen to sixty—the average thirty.

The total amount of money raised by the women during the year was \$9,701.57; expended as reported, \$6,761.09. The full financial statement of each Society appears on page 114. All Souls and the Third church, Chicago, Duluth, Humboldt, Toledo, Topeka, Hinsdale, Madison, Sioux City, St. Louis, Luverne, Wichita, Sioux Falls, are pretty well organized, either with Branch associations of the Conference, Unity Clubs, Religious or Literary Study classes, or are active in Social, Charitable, Missionary, Educational sections or in committee work.

In Duluth there is a Library committee for collecting and loaning books, a Literature committee which keeps our best current and tract literature on a table in the women's parlors, a Charity, Sunday-school, and Hospitality Committee. Toledo is also very active in all these lines, and Cleveland and Hinsdale in most of them. Jackson, Topeka, Moline, Buda, LaPorte, Hinsdale, have done their strongest work in raising money through sales, to help in church furnishings. Cleveland and Geneva, the Third Church (Chicago), Toledo, Minneapolis, Detroit, Sheffield, have done their best work in charity; Sioux Falls and La Porte in social lines.

There are Loan Libraries, or a nucleus for them, at Duluth, Denver, Kenosha, Cookville, St. Louis, Peru, Princeton, Chicago. Our president alone has given away thirty books—copies of "Heredity from God," "Robert Elsmere," "John Ward," in her Post-Office Mission work. Miss French, of Kenosha, has given ten and loaned thirteen; Mrs. Savage, of Cookville, given two and loaned five. The encouragement of local loan libraries should be important in our work.

An active worker in the Southern Conference writes lately: "We are busy sending away two libraries which we loan for a year, and if at the end of that time as many more books have been added, or if a real interest is shown, we will give the books as a nucleus for a permanent library. We are sure that they are as good missionaries as can be sent to these remote places, and we believe that they will prepare the way for our Unitarian faith." An excellent suggestion. I wish some of our women's societies would undertake just this work next year, or that they would strengthen the Conference treasury that it might be done from headquarters. One hundred and thirty-eight books have been circulated this year from the Loan Library of the Women's Association, Chicago.

The secretary at headquarters has been in correspondence with all these

church societies, and with individuals in 56 different towns and cities, 200 persons in all. This means sending much of the spirit, thought, literature, and activity of headquarters into remote, often isolated settlements of the West. 715 letters and 916 postals have been written, 652 letters and 281 postals received during the year. There have been circulated through the West, South, and sometimes East, mostly to our Post-Office Mission workers, 1,110 A. U. A. Tracts, 1,761 Unity Mission, 1,410 Short Tracts, 294 Registers and Unitarian Reviews, 2,430 UNITS, and 2,292 miscellaneous tracts and papers. About two-thirds of this is paid for by the workers, the rest we give. Our Conference should be able to be more generous. A good deal of this material has been donated. From the A. U. A., 676 Tracts; from Mr. Kerr and others, 2,282 UNITS; from various friends, 101 Registers, 350 Unity Mission, and 1,113 miscellaneous tracts and papers. We invite those who have liberal religious literature, pamphlets, books, papers or secular magazines, to remember that headquarters is the distributing bureau for all such material throughout the West and South. We also ask friends who will send UNITY, the Register or Unitarian Review regularly, after having read them, into families or give them for the use of Post-Office Mission workers—who are much strengthened in their work by current numbers of our periodicals—to send their names to the Secretary.

The Rev. M. J. Savage's Society has paid for 600 weekly copies of *Unity Pulpit* for our Conference use; 669 have been distributed weekly through this office. Rev. John Chadwick's church has also, as in former years, given us as many sermons as we would pay the postage for; 555 monthly copies of these have been sent through our agency. Our indebtedness to the East is therefore worthy of note. Our president during the year has addressed several Unitarian audiences in England, and spoken many times in our Western cities and towns on the objects and aims of the Women's Conference, to earnest, responsive friends.

I embody in this report the reports of your several Conference committees:

#### POST-OFFICE MISSION.

The Post-Office Mission secretary of Mr. Eliot's church in Portland, Oregon, wrote me the other day: "I send you a quaint little pamphlet. The author is, as you will see, one of our earliest correspondents. He has been in himself a *branch mission*, and in his little country town is working with money and voice to spread the good news. His zeal is something wonderful, and it shows its genuineness by affecting his pocket. Ever since he began to write us we have known him as the five-dollar man. Whenever he gets a new light on the way, or becomes overflowing with new gratitude, down goes his hand into his pocket and many a letter has said: 'I send you \$5 to use in the good work.' He visited us in the winter and moved us very much by his earnestness and gratitude. After he went home his neighbors asked him to speak to them, and then he thought he wanted the remarks printed, for he longs to tell all the world what a faith he has found. He has had one thousand copies of this address printed, for he says: 'I've got a gospel now that's better than money.' This man's name is Jacob Newman, North Powder, Oregon, and here is a part of the address to his friends at Portland:

Ladies and gentlemen and friends of the Post-Office Mission and the Unitarian Society of Portland, I am to make some acknowledgments to you for your kindness and goodness toward me in furnishing me with literature that has brought me out of great darkness and trouble, and to give you a reason of the hope that is in me.

I was in the condition the Psalmist was when he said: "My life is spent with grief and my years in crying." . . . I also felt as he did when he said: "I had fainted unless I had hoped to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living;" I also felt like Job, when

he said: "Is my strength the strength of stones or my flesh of brass?" I also felt like crying out with him: "Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;" and could say with Jeremiah the prophet, "When I looked for light then came darkness; when I looked for peace then came trouble."

In this condition I came to your city three years ago and heard Mr. Eliot preach the first Unitarian sermon I ever heard. . . . I soon found out that Theodore Parker was the father of humanitarians, and I thought his ideas were the sublimest I ever heard, and I think so yet.

Perhaps that dedication sermon of M. J. Savage at Denver, Colo., has done me more good than any one thing, especially that part on "readjustment," where he gives his own experience, and says he would rather sleep the sleep that knows no waking than go through it again. Perhaps you that have not had a mountain of false theology and superstition to disgorge, have come to it easy, but it came very near killing me. . . . Thus the light continued breaking in upon me till I thought I ought to say something in its favor.

Friends, I have tried to make good use of the tracts and papers you have been sending me. I have got them pretty well scattered over Union and Baker counties, and they have not stopped there. Some of them have taken wing and gone back to Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, and they say, "Send us more of those tracts." Everybody may read them in North Powder and vicinity who will. There are many that think it is death in the pot and say I am a naughty man to spread such infidelity; but there are many more who think it is the most rational theory of Christianity they have ever read.

Friends, I have a vast amount of faith and hope in the Post-Office Mission. I believe it is the cheapest and quickest way to spread Unitarianism all over the world. I believe I could do more good in a year with fifty dollars worth of tracts than I could in the same length of time with a two thousand dollar minister and a ten thousand dollar church; but, however that may be, I know the great cry of the world to-day is for light and hope. Let us do everything in our power to give the world a rational Christianity. I believe we are living in an age of more than usual pantings after God and his truth. . . . To my mind, Channing, Parker, Martineau and Emerson are four of the finest thinkers the world has ever produced. They may be dead, but their thoughts will go ringing down the ages forever. . . . Now, instead of believing in the Deity of Jesus, I believe in his humanity; instead of believing in the total depravity of man, I believe in his divinity; instead of believing in eternal punishment, I believe in eternal hope for all the world.

I have thought this was the best statement I could make of what the Post-Office Mission was, and what it is doing.

I have no doubt among our faithful workers many could point to men and women who have been helped in just this way through the friendship, sympathy, fellowship, tracts and papers sent to them through this Post-Office Mission correspondence.

In my own recent experience, a finely organized intellectual woman, surrounded by hard but conscientious orthodoxy, her own husband a firm believer in Christ as God, wrote to me that she was on the verge of pessimism when my letters and our literature reached her. Think what that means, friends, pessimism, darkness, doubt; and then think of the optimism, light, hope shining into such a heart from Emerson, Clarke, Parker, Chadwick, Jones and Gannett. This Post-Office Mission is therefore a high and worthy work for us to do, and in order to do it well we need consecration, we need faith in man, faith in God, faith in all the broad prophetic gospel of our liberal religion.

Now let me tell you what our Post-Office Mission workers have been doing this last year. I do not want to weary you with statistics, but this is a business meeting and I am to make a report, so I must ask you to listen to some figures, (the full specialized table appears on page 114 of this number of UNITY,) and to try to realize the faithful and earnest work they represent.

I am in correspondence with seventy-eight Post-Office Mission workers scattered through twenty-one states. Thirty-two cities and towns, representing twelve states, report to the Conference. The aggregate result of their work is as follows: Correspondents, 1683; 767 applicants for our literature last year—some direct, some indirect; 3830 letters sent; 1291 letters received; 6635 A. U. A. Tracts sent out; 2093 Unity Mission Tracts; 2134 Short Tracts; 996 Clarke's

sermons; 8259 Savage; 2298 Chadwick; 8152 miscellaneous sermons; 3084 Registers; 4455 UNITYS; 55 Unitarian Reviews; 2408 miscellaneous papers. Total tracts, 29,757; total papers, 10,002.

Money received from correspondents, \$67.83; money from other sources, \$251.89. And several hundred dollars have been expended in this work. One earnest woman at Princeton has spent \$83.71 out of her own purse in tracts, postage, books and subscriptions to UNITY and the Register.

But all these facts and figures do not tell of much work quietly done where tracts, sermons and papers are circulated among townspeople and distant friends and not recorded, nor does it show the circulation of our literature through the church door tract table, which stands at the entrance of almost every liberal household of faith throughout the West, and from which hundreds of our pamphlets go out through as many people to as many places. And the spiritual enrichment to these hundreds of hearts can never be made known.

All our workers, I think I may say, love their work. The love, interest and enthusiasm is in direct ratio to the thought and heart they put into it.

Some grow discouraged because of slow returns from advertising, some because applicants do not always continue correspondence, others because they are unable to meet the inquiries, doubts, mental and life difficulties which their correspondents press them with, others again because they have no money. All this but shows the need of better methods of advertising; a deeper knowledge of the nature of man that we may compel response to our call to help, and a greater acquaintance with and training in our own religious faith and literature and the lives of our saints and thinkers. A religious study class should be the feeder and inspirer of every Post-Office Mission in every church.

The committees or individuals who have done the largest and strongest work, report their method of advertising as follows: Rev. John Brown, of Kansas, who has the largest parish on record—800 correspondents, and who stands a sort of beacon light to draw hearts and tracts and money to him from our churches in the far East and far West,—reports no advertising through the papers. Applicants come to him through our clergymen and Unitarians everywhere, because he is known and established—the head and Nestor of Post-Office Mission workers.

Unity church, St. Louis, 188 correspondents, advertises once a year for six weeks in the *Globe Democrat*; Miss French, of Kenosha, 161 correspondents, six months in a good weekly; Davenport, 117 correspondents, does not now need to advertise, but recommends educational and agricultural papers.

UNITY office has supplied a great many letters and cards to our workers. Replies to advertisements received by Mr. Kerr have been assorted and returned by the Secretary to our workers in the several States from whence they came. Some have had good success with these indirect applicants, and others have had no replies to their overtures.

A faithful Wisconsin worker writes: "Have patience with Post-Office Mission correspondents; liberal faith is a growth—and time is needed for growth." Another intelligent worker in middle Florida, surrounded by bigotry and ignorance, says: "I try by living to show there is a truth in liberal religion." One calls for more practical tracts, another for more current literature like *Unity Pulpit*. We hope, therefore, that all periodic or pamphlet literature, as it becomes known to any of our correspondents, will be reported to the Secretary.

Most of our workers are crippled for lack of money, and the Conference treasury has not been able to help them as it ought. In only a very few in-

stances does direct support of the Post-Office Mission come from the churches. Lawrence gave \$10 last year to Mr. Brown; Davenport \$13 to its committee; and the Women's Society of Hinsdale has pledged itself next year to support its Mission, has promised \$25 for the work. Money is needed, and the raising of it should not fall so heavily upon those who do the work. Either a fund should be raised from churches and friends to be held by the Secretary and disbursed according to the judgment of the Central Committee, or money should come through pulpit appeal or the Women's Societies to support a Post-Office Mission wherever there is a liberal organization. Remember Jacob Newman, the five-dollar man, who "had got a Gospel that was better than money," and having got it he proposed to spread it without measure and without price.

The Ramabai report, here following, was prepared by Mrs. E. E. Marean, Secretary of the Ramabai Circle, Chicago.

#### RAMABAI.

At a regular meeting of the Chicago Women's Unitarian Association, held October 27, 1887, a paper was read giving some account of the life of Ramabai, of her plans for the elevation of her country-women, and of the reasons why such an educational attempt deserved especially the help of the women of America. At the close of the meeting it was decided to form a Ramabai Circle to co-operate with the Ramabai Association of Boston. With this movement friends of the cause in other denominations allied themselves until it grew into the Chicago Ramabai Circle, embracing friends from all parts of the city and quite as unsectarian as is the central organization. Thus, although nominally it is a branch of our association in the city, and the president of the association is *ex officio* president of the circle, yet practically it is a union circle. Such an organization might be very unsatisfactory in almost any other kind of a society, but as we are in any case only a branch of the central association, and as our chief work now is that of collecting the annual dues of the members, it has happened to do very well. Last year was a very busy year as our annual report shows. We had two hundred and seventeen members. Work was continued by correspondence and in other ways beyond that which our figures can report, as circles were started from this, which took on individual existence.

We have received from annual memberships \$198; from life memberships \$150; from special memberships \$25; contributions, \$262.96; total, \$635.96.

Paid out to treasurer Ramabai Association, \$569.73; for expenses, \$36.23; total, \$635.96.

Besides this, one hundred and seventeen of Ramabai's books have been sold, and the money received for them: \$146.25 has been paid over to her representatives, making a total amount of \$782.21 raised for her by this Circle.

This year all the annual dues have been collected, except those of about thirty-six members, and we have added to our list the names of eighteen new members.

This gives the work of our local circle. The movement has steadily gained ground all through the country. Ramabai has gone back to India and on the thirteenth of March she opened her school with three pupils. It is situated in Bombay, in a beautiful part of the city, and is called "Ladies' House." It was opened with great ceremony and for the first time in that presidency at least, a woman presided over a public meeting. This woman was one who wrote the life of Doctor Joshee in Marathi. It is too soon to predict with much confidence the part that the Hindus will assume in regard to the school during the early years of its course. Of its real success we have no doubt, and with every bit of news we feel fresh impulse to go on with the work. Ramabai will one day be rec-

ognized for what she is, a great educational leader, a bringer of good tidings to a people down-trodden and almost in despair, as devoted in her patriotism as she is tender in her womanliness and noble in her self-forgetfulness. She stands as one of those women whose names do not die with their own generation but gather an undying glory, and live as the inspiration of a people.

The following is the report of the committee on

#### TEMPERANCE,

by the chairman, Mrs. E. A. West: "This committee was appointed in consequence of the interest aroused in the subject by the formation of the Unitarian Church Temperance Society. Since the committee was appointed, one entire meeting of the Chicago Woman's Unitarian Association has been devoted to the subject, and it has been introduced at various other meetings. Temperance literature has been circulated and an effort made to induce the Sunday-schools to devote certainly one of their Sunday-school evening concerts each year to the temperance work. The committee especially urges all Conference members to discourage the common use of stimulants as a home remedy, and to make their daily influence effective for the prevention of the suffering and degradation resulting from intemperance."

#### LITERATURE.

The work of the Literature committee, that of selecting suitable literature to use in the Post-Office Mission, has been tacitly left to the judgment of the Secretary.

#### REPORT OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

A year ago Mrs. Wells gave us the history of our industrial school for Indians, how the Utes, and then the Crows had been apportioned by Government to the Unitarians to educate, and then if we chose Unitarianize, and the result was this school, which is supported entirely by our denomination at Blakeley, Montana.

The Conference Board at a business meeting voted to make the interests of this school one of its objects for work, even if very little could be done at first, and appointed a committee that resolved itself into one to make a beginning.

Correspondence was opened with Rev. Mr. Bond, superintendent of the school, in which our recognition of his work was expressed, and our desire to help it in any way not demanding much money. An inquiry was also made if the children in our Sunday-schools might not be brought into a closer knowledge of his children and his school by correspondence. A very cordial and appreciative response was received from Mr. Bond. While stating that the pressing need of the school was for money, he wrote that old clothing for the boys and girls and tools for the new workshop were also needed, and added that some of the Indian children were quite able to write and would be very pleased to answer any letters that our children would send them. This letter was sent to six Sunday-schools with a request that it be read to the children and then each school be invited to give its penny contributions for one Sunday, and to collect all half-worn clothing, books and toys to send with the money as a Christmas gift to these our Indian children. The result was, from Unity Church, Chicago, \$9.73; All Souls Church, \$3.57; Third Church, \$5.00; Unity Church, Hinsdale, \$5.00; St. Paul Unity Church, \$8.10; in all, \$31.40. And from All Souls a barrel of very comfortable clothing and a box of good things from Hinsdale, all of which was promptly and warmly acknowledged by Mr. Bond. This is the extent of our work last year. I wish we might raise more money by regular contributions from the Sunday-schools at stated times next year, and that more active and hearty interest in this work would be shown by our women in all the churches. This can

first be done by responding to the call of Mrs. Wells and her committee to send delegate members from each church to the Central Indian Bureau in Boston. I hold a letter from Mr. Bond, dated Ramona Ranch, May 8, 1889, which I want to read to you as it will lead you into acquaintance with the school life and the hopes and opportunities of the work which no one else could give as well. (The letter from Mr. Bond was then read.)

#### BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

(These reports are presented almost exactly as received by the Secretary.)

**St. Louis.**—The St. Louis branch of the W. W. U. C. has had a fairly good winter's work. The attendance has averaged thirty, although the number of paying members is only twenty. There have been four meetings for subjects relating to the duties of Mothers, as: "What are the cardinal virtues of mothers?" "How shall mothers develop responsibility in their children?" Three for questions of religious thought, as "Jesus Christ—What is the Unitarian sense of his divinity?" The last meeting, May 24, was given to quotations from members upon subjects of the winter's study, reports from the Conference, election of officers, and a lunch.

The Post-Office Mission work, in connection with the study-class, has had its usual attention, quickened interest in our faith, and increased the wish that others may know its value. The meetings are felt to be important and stimulating, and it is hoped a larger share of time and thought will be given to them another year.

**Denver.**—The Denver Women's Auxiliary Conference has just closed its season's work, which has been one of interest and profit to the few faithful attendants. The papers have been "Women as Religious Teachers," wherein it was shown that by nature they are eminently fitted for the office; "How shall we teach our children the Bible," which favored an expurgated edition for them; "How do physical conditions affect morals?"—this able paper showing the great dependence of the latter upon the former; "The moral significance of the 'Scarlet Letter,'" pointing out the reverse effect, the change in physical health and appearance which came from harboring sinister thoughts; and "The Bibles of the World," a recapitulation of them any ways in which truths have come to us. Two meetings, for lack of original papers, were occupied with selections. The last paper was called "The Ideal Church," an interesting one, though, as the present church was deemed by the writer to be a failure in its adaptation to the wants of the poor, the state was glorified as the possible, if not probable ideal organization. This view was earnestly combated by the leader of discussion and others. The newly appointed officers hope to awaken greater interest in next year's work in this particular branch, which has not kept pace with the growth of the church.

**Chicago.**—The Woman's Unitarian Association has existed for two distinct purposes: first, to promote acquaintance between the women of the different churches in this city; and second, to give opportunity for the presentation and discussion of subjects connected with Unitarianism, construing this word however in no narrow sense. For several years they have met in the four different churches, and the women of Chicago owe much to the friendships here nourished and to the help and inspiration afforded by the monthly meetings. During the past year the most notable event in its experience has been an evening meeting held at the First church, notable because it was the first time that the Association has invited husbands, brothers and friends to share its hospitality. Supper was served, after which Mrs. Woolley read a paper on "The Ideal Unitarian Church," which was considered worthy of repetition in the Western Conference. There have been discussed in the past

season such practical subjects as, The Work of the King's Daughters, The Duty of Society to its Children; such thought subjects as, The Open Vision and The Physical Basis of Character; and we have widened our knowledge of Unitarian history by studying the life and works of James Martineau, our English leader.

The Association has a membership of over two hundred with an average attendance at its meetings of about one hundred and fifty.

This closes the Auxiliary reports.

Friends, the object of the Women's Conference is to labor for the advancement of Freedom, Fellowship and Character in Religion. In a circular published by the Conference a few years ago we were told what we could do to this end.

1st.—You can hold parlor meetings for systematic literary or religious study.

2d.—You can start a Sunday-school in your own parlor.

3d.—You can arrange for missionary meetings or courses of lectures.

4th.—You can conduct regular lay services on Sunday.

5th.—You can extend the circulation of Unitarian literature and periodicals.

6th.—You can do what you can.

And at the quarterly meeting of the Board in September, additional suggestions for the directors were adopted, calling each director, in her state, to hunt up the isolated Unitarian women and place herself in friendly communication with them; to urge the women's societies to form branch associations of the Conference to take active hold of the various lines of Conference work—The Post-Office Mission, the Religious Study class, the Temperance, Ramabai and Indian work; to inquire in all societies if there were any capable of benefiting by the Chicago Alliance lectureship, and helping such to reach this study; and to urge individual and delegate Conference membership from all our women in the west, organized and unorganized.

This is our Conference work and this each one of us can do. Shall we not do it strongly another year?

FLORENCE HILTON, Secretary.

#### WESTERN UNITARIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.  
1888-1889.

Last May the annual report of the secretary showed that the Sunday-school society had become independent of the two branches of Unitarian work that had formerly been in its hands,—the Bookshelves and the Tract department. The increase of work in the several western activities had made this necessary for the best growth of all. It was simply one step more in that steady line of evolutionary development that first brought the Sunday-school society into existence in 1873, out of the heart of the Western Conference, and in 1879 located it at a single desk in the Athenæum. From this starting point the larger headquarters have gradually grown, until now seven desks, representing seven different activities and occupying three rooms in the centre of the city, are fast becoming all too small and crowded for the current religious life-forces that pass through them.

With only its own distinct work in hand, and the home-keeping charge of the rooms, the society has been able to somewhat lessen its current expenses. This, together with the gradually increasing number of school contributions and individual donations, enables the treasurer's report to show a better business standing than has been before reached. Soon after the second autumnal Institute the two departments of work represented by Secretary and Treasurer were again placed in separate hands, and C. H. Kerr was elected to discharge the duties of the latter office. A full report of the schools in our field being now given at the fall Institute, it is the purpose of this annual statement to speak of the general condition of the society.

A new course of lessons was published in September, "The Seven Great Religious Teachers," by J. L. Jones, and a new Portrait-edition of primary class cards "C," in December. Next winter we ought to be able to give our schools a new edition of cards "E," which are now out of print, and one or two new courses of lessons that are in demand. We also trust that the report of the committee now at work, as referred to in the proceedings of the annual meeting on page 113, and the help of our next fall Institute, will enable several of our schools to unite on a common course of study, intended to reach through a series of years.

It is hoped that the coming year will show a noticeable increase of annual members. It is a source of income which should be steadily recognized by the friends of Sunday-school work, and faithfully renewed each year by an always widening circle of contributors. A field of such active growth as that of our Western schools should send us now no less than two hundred annual members. These supporters, like our life members, (see page 115), should represent a corps of permanent, reliable, and actively interested co-operators, consisting largely of Sunday-school teachers and parents. To the lovers of child-life, and to those who recognize that upon the moral and religious integrity planted to-day in the intelligence of our children, depends the future strength and uprightness of our country, we make special appeal for contributions not limited by any membership less than that which binds us to all human kind. With its regular sources of income, and with contributions given in a spirit of true breadth, the Western Sunday-school Society will be enabled to put forth new life and enlarge its field of usefulness with growing results in proportion to those reached by the Western Unitarian Conference.

A profitable and encouraging Sunday-school Institute was held October 26, in St. Louis, by invitation of the Church of the Unity, which included five Sunday-school sessions and one for Unity Club work. During the two days' work the leading questions of interest were treated by means of practical papers, with free discussion and illustration.

The indication is that the invitation from the Davenport Sunday-school will be accepted, and that the third Institute will be held there. Judging by the two previous occasions and the general outlook of our Western field, there is every reason to hope for a season that shall show a good practical outcome for the interests of Sunday-school work.

ELLEN T. LEONARD, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF UNITY PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Since its last report one year ago, the Unity Publishing Committee has printed four new Unity Mission tracts:—"The Religious Education of Children;" "Concerning Immortality;" "The Spiritual Leadership of Jesus;" "The Revised Hell of Orthodoxy," and two new Short Tracts:—"The Family Purse;" "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again." It has published one new edition each of nine Unity Mission tracts, and one new edition each of nine Short Tracts, and three new editions of Short Tract "Blessed be Drudgery," (6,000 copies) and two editions of Short Tract No. 17, "Things Most Commonly Believed To-day Among Us" (6,000 copies). Of Unity Mission and Short Tracts we have sold and distributed free 41,343. Of these there were 17,495 Unity Mission and 23,848 Short Tracts. Of the Unity Mission tracts 1,489 have been distributed free, and of the Short Tracts 875 free.

We have now in our treasury \$245.33, and in open accounts coming in, \$68.56, amounting in all to \$313.89.

A little more than one year ago a Post-Office Mission was started as a part of the work of the committee.

There are now on the list forty-seven names of those to whom tracts are sent regularly. Two Sunday Circles, one at Highlands, N. C., and one at Indianapolis, Ind., were supplied each week, until UNITY began the publication of sermons weekly, when I graduated them into that paper. Two people have been started in the study of evolution, taking for their text-book E. P. Powell's "Our Heredity from God." In direct contributions from people on this list, and in profit on books sent for, \$7.70 have been received, and since the dollar movement, twelve subscriptions for UNITY.

We hope, during the coming year, to make many more additions to our tract list. In this, Post-Office Mission workers may be able to help us. If they will try to secure from their ministers or others such sermons as seem to them most needed in their own work it might greatly increase our usefulness. In my own experience I have found it easy to secure the money for the publication of a sermon while it is fresh in the minds of the congregation.

Miss Hilton, Secretary of the Women's Conference, has handed me applications sent to her for new tracts on the following subjects:—1, Reality of God's presence now as in the past; 2, Atonement; 3, Temperance. We specially need an evolution tract. The subject is so large that it could not be included within the limits of an ordinary sized tract, excepting as one might be devoted to a brief summing up of main points. Better two or three or a series, dividing and classifying topics. Such tracts giving the bearing of evolution on the thought of God, goodness, immortality, growth of Christian dogma, the Bible, and Jesus the man, in his own time, and especially the bearing of evolution on the growth of the Jesus thought up to the present time, would, more than any other thing on our list, meet the questions constantly coming, like these:—"How do you look at Miracles?" "Do you believe in Immortality?" "How do you dispose of such and such passages in the Bible?" "What is your thought about the divinity of Jesus, and why?" etc., etc.

For the first two topics, God and goodness, we have John Fiske's address, "Evolution and Religion." For the rest, two things are needed, the men or women to carefully think out and write the tracts for use in this work, and the money for their publication. For all this we need contributions to our tract fund. There cannot be found a better way for investing a small amount, nor one that will yield larger returns.

L. M. DUNNING, Secretary.

#### THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, CHICAGO, MAY 13-15, 1889.

On Tuesday, May 14, at 8 P. M., the Conference sermon was preached by Rev. S. R. Calthrop, of Syracuse, N. Y., whose subject was the Unity of God. Rev. J. L. Jones, senior Unitarian pastor of Chicago, followed with a word of welcome to the Conference.

On Wednesday, at 9.30 A. M., the devotional meeting was led by Rev. O. B. Beals, of Monmouth, Ill. At 10 A. M. President D. L. Shorey called the Conference to order and gave the opening address. On motion, Miss Mabel McKinney was elected Assistant Secretary. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted. On motion the chair announced the following Committee on Business: John C. Learned, F. L. Hosmer, W. G. Gannett, Ida C. Hultin, S. S. Hunting and James Van Inwagen. Moved that a Committee of three on Credentials be appointed by the Chair. Carried.

The Committee on Business was made the Committee on Nominations.

The report of the Treasurer, James B. Galloway, was read and approved by the Auditing Committee. The Directors' report was read by the Secretary, John R. Effinger, and referred to the Business Committee. Mrs. Emma E. Marean gave a brief answer to the question "How we Raise our Conference Money." Mr. J. M. Ware, of Chicago, reported for the Committee on Permanent Fund as follows:

The undersigned were appointed a committee at the last meeting of the Western Unitarian Conference, held in Chicago in May, 1888, to devise a plan for raising a fund of \$50,000 or more.

After careful deliberation we have concluded to lay before you the following statement and plan, hoping that it will enlist your sympathy and secure from you a subscription commensurate with your means.

The object of this fund is:—To give greater permanency and efficiency to the missionary work of the Western Unitarian Conference, which, after serving the cause of religious liberty and practical piety for thirty-seven years, has proven its right to public confidence and its capacity effectually to work for the cause of liberal religion.

To place the Conference on a firm basis as an organization, that is fundamentally committed to the propagation of a religion in which character will be made superior to all thought lines or doctrinal distinctions;

To aid in the building of churches, the conditions of whose membership will always be open to those who through such activities desire to advance or to be advanced in Truth, Righteousness and Love.

It is proposed that all subscriptions be of a purely personal character, leaving all organizations as such under no additional obligations either direct or implied; that subscriptions be payable, where the circumstances of the subscriber are such as to render the payment more convenient, in annual installments, extending, when desired, over five years, and that no subscriber be bound until *bona fide* subscriptions of \$25,000 be secured, when all subscribers will be notified and the subscriptions be due as per their terms.

The title to this fund shall be in the Western Unitarian Conference, and the management thereof will be in charge of the Directors of that body, with the stipulation that the principal be invested, and the income or interest thereon alone be expended. It may be desirable when this fund is increased to \$100,000 or more, for the Conference to invest the whole or some portion thereof in a building to be used for Unitarian Headquarters and other purposes, as the Board of Directors may decide, in which case the title to such property shall be vested in the Western Unitarian Conference or its successor.

In the name of the Conference we confidently send forth this plea for this fund.

We believe that the West needs such a religion and such churches as this Conference has fostered.

We believe the West is rich enough and liberal enough not only to make such a beginning as the fund implies, but to do much more.

We believe such a fund, instead of lessening the Annual Contributions or diminishing the interest in the Conference, will materially increase them and greatly strengthen and multiply its missionary activities.

We believe that such a fund will be but the small nucleus, not only to which annual contributions will be made by the living, but that when a few years shall have passed the "last will and testament" of many to whom the Conference has been a tower of strength, will contain liberal bequests thereto to help the "Life of the future."

We believe that in this fund there is the beginning of a permanent Unitarian Headquarters Building for the West. The importance of maintaining such a place on a more liberal scale, and more in keeping with the growing thought of the day, can only be appreciated by the active workers in the field. The small sum of \$3,000, known as the Frothingham fund, has already proven of great missionary value to us. How much more valuable would be such a fund as is herein proposed.

We believe that such a fund would greatly increase the national and non-sectional enthusiasm in our cause and, recognizing the law of geographical limitations, the West could then take an honest share of the work which belongs to it, and which this active and progressive civilization demands.

We believe that you will be glad to be among those who will help us to come before the next annual Conference in May, 1890, with the task finished.

When only a few years ago the American Unitarian Association proposed to raise a fund of \$25,000, Mr. Kidder, the philanthropic banker of Boston, said, "It is easier to do a hard thing than an easy one, make it \$100,000," and it was done. Help us to do the hard thing. Change the task into a triumph, and the depressing "It can't be done" into the victorious "It has been done."

JOHN WILKINSON, Chairman.....Chicago.  
JOHN M. WARE.....Chicago.  
J. D. LUDDEN.....St. Paul.  
J. W. WILLARD.....Cleveland.  
J. M. GOOD.....St. Louis.  
MRS. EMMA E. MAREAN.....Chicago.  
J. M. WANZER.....Chicago.  
MISS EMMA DUPEE.....Chicago.  
JAMES B. GALLOWAY.....Chicago.  
COMMITTEE.

Following this report came earnest words from President Shorey, W. C. Gannett, J. L. Jones, F. L. Hosmer, and pledges from the audience amounting in all to \$11,830. Mrs. C. P. Woolley presented the following memorial of Mrs. Benjamin F. Felix:

Early in December, 1888, this Conference lost a cherished friend and one of its most faithful co-workers, in the death of Mrs. B. F. Felix, of Chicago. Mrs. Felix was a woman of clear and reverent mind, a warm and generous heart, whose pure devotion to the highest ideals will long keep her memory fragrant in the hearts of all who knew her. She was a courageous supporter of the principles of rational religion, as set forth in the work of the Western Unitarian Conference; an active laborer in the field of public philanthropy and reform; a loyal friend, a devoted wife and mother, and an earnest, true-hearted woman in every walk of life. The sympathies of this Conference are extended to the bereaved husband and friends, and one more sacred and inspiring memory is added to those which death gives to life.

Adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30, the President in the chair. The Committee on Credentials was announced as follows: Thos. L. Johnson, Cleveland; T. P. Byrnes, Geneva; James Van Inwagen, Chicago. The order of the day was called and Rev. Ida C. Hultin stated the subject, "What have we to say to Hetty Sorrel?" and called for answers. Mrs. C. T. Cole of Iowa, Rev. J. C. Learned of St. Louis, Rev. Henry D. Maxson of Wisconsin, Rev. C. J. Bartlett of Dakota, Rev. S. S. Hunting of Des Moines, Rev. Oscar McCulloch of Indianapolis, Rev. W. C. Gannett, Rev. F. L. Hosmer and Rev. J. L. Jones, responded. Miss Hultin closed the discussion.

At 3:30 J. C. Learned gave a paper on "The Minister's Education for To-day." In reply to the question "How to realize it in the West?" Oscar McCulloch spoke from the point of view of Plymouth Church, Indianapolis.—Mr. Jones here read a note addressed to him by Rabbi Hirsch, stating that he would not be able to be present on account of the death of his father. Mr. Jones moved that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Rabbi Hirsch the sympathy of the Conference, and to express to him their respect and honor for the great work inaugurated by the deceased. This motion was adopted by a rising vote.—Mr. W. M. Salter set forth the claims of

a "School of Philosophy and Applied Ethics" as one reply to the question started by Mr. Learned's paper. The discussion was continued by Mr. Calthrop until the hour of adjournment.

At 8 p. m. the evening session was called to order by the Chairman. The general topic was announced to be "Thirty Years of Darwin." Rev. Charles F. Elliott of Jackson, Mich., read the first paper of the evening on "Darwin and Spencer—the Men." Rev. S. R. Calthrop led the discussion. The Bearings of the Evolution Theory on Morals and Society, was presented by Mr. W. L. Sheldon of St. Louis, in a thirty-minute paper, which was discussed by Rev. Henry D. Maxson.

On Thursday morning at 9:30 Rev. Henry D. Stevens, of Alton, led the devotional meeting, Rev. T. G. Milted of Chicago, Rev. F. W. N. Hugenholz of Grand Rapids, Rev. S. B. Loomis of Wisconsin, and others, taking part in the exercises. At 10 a. m. Prof. S. A. Forbes of the State University at Champaign, Ill., continued the subject of Evolution with a paper on "The Present Status of the doctrine of Evolution among men of Science." Rev. Arthur Beavis, of Iowa City, led the discussion. "The Bearings of the Evolution Theory on Religion," were set forth by Rev. Edward B. Payne of Leominster, Mass., and the discussion closed with an address from Dr. Thomas Kerr of Rockford. The "Darwin Day" led up to noble heights of thought and was full of stimulating suggestions.

After the noon intermission the Conference re-assembled and heard Mrs. Celia Parker Woolley on "The Ideal Unitarian Church." This paper was discussed by Rev. Virgil H. Brown of the People's Church, Princeton, Ill. At 3 p. m. Miss Louise M. Dunning, Secretary, presented the annual report of Unity Publishing Committee. Mr. Gannett announced that Mrs. Marean's paper, "How We Raise our Conference Money," had been printed in Tract form for delegates to carry home with them. Mr. Jones spoke of the changed form and price of UNITY and announced the following additions to its regular editorial staff,—Richard Bartram of London, Rev. C. F. Dole, Rev. M. J. Savage and Mrs. K. G. Wells of Boston, Rev. Heber Newton of New York, Rev. M. D. Shutter, the Universalist minister of Minneapolis, W. M. Salter and Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago, each of whom would contribute to its columns regularly.

He further stated that but 185 more names were needed to make fifteen hundred new subscribers received in the last three months.

In addition to resolutions offered from the floor and adopted during the sessions of the Conference, the following resolutions were reported by the business Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary's annual report be adopted.

*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That for the Conference income of the present year, 1889-90, the delegates present be asked to state the largest sum they think their churches will contribute—this not being understood as a pledge, but as the amount which the Conference may hope for and which the delegates will strive to secure,—and then that personal guarantees be called for on the floor of the Conference as at the last two annual meetings.

*Adopted*.

*Resolved*, That friends be reminded that life membership in the Conference costs \$25, and that contributions to the annual funds of the Conference can be applied to pay for such life memberships, if the church or individuals giving the money inform the secretary of their wish to that effect. It is further recommended that the names of all life members be printed in the annual reports.

*Adopted*.

*Resolved*, That a memorial list be opened, in which either by vote of the Conference to this end, or by a memorial contribution of \$25 made by friends, the names of the fathers and mothers of the Conference, our helpers who have died, shall be enrolled and kept in honor,—the rule above to hold here also, that any contribution may be thus dedicated by the giver.

*Adopted*.

*Resolved*, That the Western Unitarian Conference, believing that women have already demonstrated their efficiency as teachers and ministers of religion, respectfully petitions the Board of Overseers of Harvard University to extend the full privileges of its Divinity School to such women as would be eligible, were they men; and that the secretary of the Conference be instructed to present this petition.

*Adopted*.

At this stage of proceedings it was moved and seconded that the roll of the churches be called, and that delegates state the probable amount of contributions for the present year. The call proceeded and the total response from churches and individual pledges footed up \$2,727.

The Business Committee submitted the following.

*Resolved*, That this Conference learns with interest of the movement originated by the Ethical Culture Societies toward the establishment of a school of Morals and Philosophy, and commends it to the favorable consideration of our people.

*Adopted*.

*Resolved*, That we also rejoice in the beginning of the Chicago Institute for Instruction in Morals and Religion, as a humbler attempt

to meet the same need, and trust that it will receive such encouragement as will add to its scope and efficiency.

*Adopted*. It was moved and seconded that a standing committee on resolutions be appointed as heretofore. *Carried*.

It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the Conference be sent to friends in Meadville, Pa., in Des Moines and Davenport, Ia., in Hillside, Wis., and in Hinsdale, Moline, Sheffield, Geneva, Princeton, and Monmouth, Ill., and in Unity Church and All Souls church, for the flowers which have added much to the joy of these meetings. *Carried*.

Miss Hultin moved that, in accordance with a suggestion made by Eastern friends, Mrs. Woolley's paper on "The Ideal Unitarian Church" be printed, and that a collection be taken up for that purpose. Thirty-five dollars were promptly reported and the motion carried. Mr. Gannett presented the following memorial resolution:—

*Resolved*, That by the death of Mrs. B. F. Felix of Chicago, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ogden of Keokuk, and Edward P. Allis of Milwaukee, the Conference has lost good friends and helpers, and that our secretary be requested to express to their families our gratitude for that old friendliness, and our sympathy with them as they feel the silence in their homes.

*Adopted by a rising vote*.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on proposed Endowment Fund of the Conference be adopted, and the following Committee be appointed, with power to act:—John Wilkinson, Chicago, Chairman; J. D. Luden, St. Paul; J. M. Good, St. Louis; Rev. E. T. Wilkes, Luverne; Rev. Mary Safford, Sioux City; Miss Emma Dupee, Chicago; Thomas L. Johnson, Cleveland; John A. Roche, Chicago; J. M. Ware, Chicago; Mrs. Florence Bagley Sherman, Detroit, and the directors of the Western Conference *ex officio*. These nominations were approved by the Conference.

Mr. Learned submitted the following report on nominations:—President, Mr. D. L. Shorey; Vice-President, Rev. Mary Safford; Secretary, Rev. J. R. Effinger; Treasurer, Myron Leonard; Directors for three years, Rev. F. L. Hosmer, Mrs. Celia P. Woolley, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. J. R. Effinger, Mr. James Van Inwagen, Mrs. Florence Bagley Sherman, Myron Leonard.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the officers named, and they were declared elected.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to those friends who by their hospitality in church and in their homes have helped to make this meeting pleasant.

*Adopted*.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Credentials, showing twenty-eight churches and societies electing ninety-six delegates—seventy-five of whom were present—and fourteen churches and societies unofficially represented by fifteen representatives.

Rev. C. W. Wendte, arriving late in the session, was introduced by the President, and gave cordial greetings from the Pacific coast and an interesting account of his work.

The Conference adjourned until 8 p. m. At the hour named the President opened the exercises with singing, and announced the topic of the evening—"Types of Religion in Robert Elsmere." Addresses were delivered by Dr. Thomas Kerr of Rockford, Dr. H. W. Thomas, Chicago, Mrs. Maria A. Shorey, Chicago, and Rev. Henry Frank of Jamestown, N. Y. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. W. Wendte, and thus passed into history the thirty-fifth session of the Western Unitarian Conference.

JOHN R. EFFINGER, Secretary.  
MABEL MCKINNEY, Ass't Sec'y.

## EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

The eighth Annual Meeting of this Conference was held Tuesday, May 14th, at the first Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Mrs. Richardson in the chair.

The President's address of greeting and statement of Conference work and opportunity was succeeded by the reports of Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Emily Fifield, delegate of the Women's Auxiliary, Boston, followed. A cordial love message was delivered from the East and an able report of auxiliary work through East and West presented.

Mrs. Theodore Williams, delegate of the New York League, spoke on the methods, breadth and harmony of the League work; and Mrs. Catlin, Vice-President of the League, gave a five minutes' keen analysis of what constituted a "Self-Supporting Woman."

Reports of Temperance, Ramabai and Post-Office Mission committees, and the Chicago Unitarian Association of Women, were then read.

The chairman of nominating committee, Mrs. Marean, presented the following names for election as Conference officers: President, Mrs. Victoria Richardson, Princeton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. A. West, Chicago, Mrs. L. W. Learned, St. Louis; Secretary, Miss Florence Hilton, Chicago; Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Hilton, Chicago, together with members of the Board. All elected by Secretary's casting of the vote.

Mrs. Richardson was elected the Conference delegate to the Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary at Boston.

A gift of \$30 was received from the New York League through its delegate. The

meeting adjourned. At 1:30 p. m. Rev. Carrie Bartlett led a devotional meeting, calling on Mrs. C. T. Cole of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and others, to assist. Rev. Elinor Gordon gave an address on "The Great Opportunity" in the Liberal Ministry and the requirements for successful work within it.

Mrs. Williams replied to the Call of the Hour to the Liberal Women of America in Philanthropy. Mrs. Learned, of St. Louis, spoke on "Higher Moral Tone in Society;" Rev. Ida Hultin on "Intellectual Development." Report of the St. Louis Auxiliary was followed by the report of the Indian committee, and letters of greeting read from Rev. Mr. Bond of the Crow Indian School, Mrs. E. B. Easton, (President of the Pacific Coast Conference of Unitarian Women), the New Orleans Auxiliary, and Miss Florence Hill, Secretary of the London Postal Mission. The names of twenty-five delegates were announced.

The Conference then adjourned.

FLORENCE HILTON, Secretary.

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN UNITARIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

A half-hour's Business session of the Sunday-school Society was held on Wednesday, April 15th, from 2 to 2:30 p. m., Mrs. E. N. H. Conger, the president, presiding.

The treasurer, Charles H. Kerr, read a report showing a balance of \$36.71 cash in hand, exceeding all indebtedness, and a stock of merchandise valued at \$811.01.

W. C. Gannett, as chairman of a committee appointed at the St. Louis Institute, in October, to present at this meeting "a plan for a four or six years' course of Sunday-school work," said that the plan was not yet forthcoming but that the committee would make report later through the columns of UNITY.

For the election of officers the chair appointed as nominating committee, F. L. Hosmer, of Cleveland, Miss Clara M. Holmes, of Davenport, and Charles H. Kerr, of Chicago.

Subscription cards for memberships were distributed throughout the meeting by Miss Belle Tiffany, of Hinsdale, Mrs. T. P. Byrnes, of Geneva, and Rev. J. C. Learned.

Rev. J. L. Jones spoke a few words of the progress of the work of the society and its encouraging business condition as shown in the figures of the report just given.

Invitations from Davenport and Sioux City were cordially extended for the meeting of the Institute in the fall. It was moved and carried that the time and place of the autumnal institute be referred to the Directors of the Society.

The following names offered by the nominating committee were elected: Directors for three years: Mrs. John Wilkinson, Mrs. E. N. H. Conger, Charles H. Kerr, and Mrs. W. C. Dow, all of Chicago; President, Mrs. E. N. H. Conger; Vice-President, Wm. Bouton, of St. Louis; Secretary, Ellen T. Leonard; Treasurer, Charles H. Kerr.

Ten annual memberships and one life membership were collected and reported, two more of the former being afterward added to the list. Adjourned.

E. T. LEONARD, Secretary.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

For the year ending May 15, 1889.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, May 15, 1888.....	\$193 51
Church contributions.....	43 00
Church guarantees.....	195 00
Individual contributions and guarantees.....	1,055 00
Collections at Conference, May 15, 18, 1888.....	255 13
1888-9.....	1,781 64
Church contributions.....	\$ 993 40
Church guarantees.....	150 00
Individual contributions and guarantees.....	1,685 50
Interest on loans.....	120 00
Unitarian Club.....	86 15
Collection at Conference, May 15, 1889.....	27 03
Memberships, life, \$50—S. S. Hunting, Mrs. C. P. Woolley, Annual, \$4—A. J. Perry, Louis Brogger, Mrs. K. G. Wells, Rev. Jay Bolknep.....	54 00
J. R. Effinger, surplus over expenses, from field.....	76 04
	\$3,192 12
	\$4,973 76

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Secretary's salary.....	\$2,000 00
Rent at headquarters.....	730 00
Rent, Methodist church for Conference, on acct.....	15 00
Janitor.....	63 00
Printing for Conference, 1888 meetings.....	140 75
Printing for Conference, 1889 meetings.....	12 00
Stationery, postage, etc., Sec'y & Treas.....	72 39
Interest on bank loans.....	90 72
Church at Beatrice, Neb., on acct of New Bedford contribution.....	50 00
American Unitarian Association.....	10 00
	3,173 86
Paid on call loan.....	1,600 00
	4,773 86
Balance on hand, May 15, 1889.....	199 90
	\$4,973 76

CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECT FROM CHURCHES.	
Buda.....	\$ 10 00
Chicago—Third church.....	60 00
" All Souls.....	50 00
Cleveland.....	150 00
Davenport.....	10 00
Detroit.....	10 00
Geneseo.....	25 00

CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECT FROM CHURCHES.  
*Continued.*

Geneva	15 00
Grand Rapids, Free Holland	10 00
Helena	10 00
Hinsdale	50 00
Hobart	10 00
Humboldt	10 00
Iowa Unitarian Association	10 00
Janesville	20 13
Jackson	10 00
Kalamazoo	10 00
La Porte	10 00
Laverne	10 00
Moline	10 00
Monmouth	10 00
New Bedford	100 00
Omaha	25 00
Princeton	25 00
Quincy	83 27
Sheffield	10 00
St. Louis, Church of the Unity	100 00
St. Paul	110 00
Sioux Falls	15 00
Sioux City	50 00

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JAMES B. GALLOWAY, Treasurer.

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MOTTO ON SEAL: "Freedom, Fellowship and Character in Religion."

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ANNUAL MEETING, in May.

FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH: The following resolution was adopted at the annual meeting in Chicago, 1887, by vote of 59 to 13 of the delegates present:

Resolved, That, While the Western Unitarian Conference has neither the wish nor the right to bind a single member by declarations concerning fellowship or doctrine, it yet thinks some practical good may be done by setting forth in simple words the things most commonly believed to-day among us,—the statement being always open to re-statement, and to be regarded only as the thought of the majority.

Therefore, Speaking in the spirit and understanding above set forth, we, delegates of the Western Unitarian Churches in Conference assembled, at Chicago, May 19, 1887, declare our fellowship to be conditioned on no doctrinal tests, and welcome all who wish to join us to help establish truth and righteousness and love in the world.

And, inasmuch as many people wish to know what Unitarianism commonly stands for, speaking always in the spirit above set forth, we make the following statement of its past history and our present faiths.—(See UNITY Short tract No. 17, which ends as follows:)

Because we have no "creed" which we impose as test of fellowship, specific statements of belief abound among us,—always somewhat differing, always largely agreeing. One such we offer here.

We believe that to love the good and live the good is the supreme thing in religion:

We hold reason and conscience to be final authorities in matters of religious belief:

We honor the Bible and all inspiring scripture, old or new:

We revere Jesus and all holy souls that have taught men truth and righteousness and love, as prophets of religion:

We believe in the growing nobility of Man:

We trust the unfolding Universe as beautiful, beneficent, unchanging Order; to know this Order is truth; to obey it is right, and liberty, and stronger life:

We believe that good and evil inevitably carry their own recompense, no good thing being failure and no evil thing success; that heaven and hell are states of being; that no evil can befall the good man in either life or death; that all things work together for the victory of Good:

We believe that we ought to join hands and work to make the good things better and the worst good, counting nothing good for self that is not good for all:

We believe that this self-forgetting, loyal life awakes in man the sense of union, here and now, with things eternal—the sense of deathlessness; and this sense is to us an earnest of a life to come:

We worship One-in-all,—that Life whence suns and stars derive their orbits and the soul of man its Ought,—that Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, giving us power to become the sons of God,—that Love with whom our souls commune. This One we name—the Eternal God, our Father.

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Duplicate blanks are sent by the Secretary to the churches: one copy should be filled out by the proper authorities with the names of the delegates appointed, and returned to him by mail before the annual meeting; the other copy should be brought by the arriving delegates and given to the Committee on Credentials.

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Cleveland.....Ch. of the Unity.....Fred L. Hosmer.  
Marietta.....First Unitarian.....James T. Lusk.  
Toledo.....Ch. of Our Father.....A. G. Jennings.

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" Theological School.....A. Livermore.

## WISCONSIN.

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Baraboo.....Free Congreg'l.....Lloyd Skinner.  
Chippewa Falls Lib. Relg. Society.....N. C. Earl.  
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Evanville.....Unity Society.....Mrs. V. H. Campbell.

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Helena.....Unitarian Society.....Thomas L. Jones.  
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Madison.....First Unitarian.....Joseph H. Crooker.  
Milwaukee.....First Unitarian.....T. B. Forbush.  
Menomonee.....Unitarian.....Henry D. Maxson.  
Reedsburg.....Mission.....Joseph H. Crooker.  
Eau Claire.....Unitarian.....Henry D. Maxson.

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WITH THEIR RESIDENCES.

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Brown, Virgil H. Princeton, Ill.  
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Connor, Rowland East Saginaw, Mich.  
† Covell, C., Sec'y I. U. C. Buda, Ill.

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Crooker, Joseph H. Madison, Wis.  
Daniels, Leverett R. Midland, Mich.  
† Davis, Joel P. Des Moines, Iowa.  
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Douthit, Jasper L. Shelbyville, Ill.  
† Dudley, John L. Milwaukee, Wis.  
Duncan, Lewis J. Sheffield, Ill.  
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† Effinger, John R., Sec'y W. U. C. Chicago, Ill.  
Elliott, Charles F. Jackson, Mich.  
Fisher, Judson Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Forbush, Trowbridge B. Milwaukee, Wis.  
† Frost, J. B. Alton, Ill.  
† Galvin, Edward I. Chicago, Ill.  
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† Gibbs, Edward P. Grand Haven, Mich.  
† Gibbs, Joseph F. Greeley, Col.  
Gibson, C. K. Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Gordon, Elinor E. Sioux City, Iowa.  
† Gordon, Gustavus E. Milwaukee, Wis.  
Gould, A. W. Manistee, Mich.  
† Gray, J. Fletcher Beardstown, Ill.  
Greenman, Walter F. Winona, Minn.  
† Hassall, Robert Keokuk, Iowa.  
† Hewett, James O. M. Chicago, Ill.  
Hogeland, Napoleon S. Wichita, Kas.  
† Hoisington, William H. Roscoe, Ill.  
† Hoskin, A. A. Milwaukee, Wis.  
Hosmer, Frederick L. Cleveland, O.  
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Hugenholz, F. W. N. Grand Rapids, Mich.  
† Huidekoper, Frederic Meadville, Pa.  
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Judy, Arthur M. Davenport, Iowa.  
Kerr, Thomas Rockford, Ill.  
† Kittredge, Frank E. Quincy, Mich.  
† Krauss, E. C. F. Kansas City, Mo.  
Learned, John C. St. Louis, Mo.  
Leggett, Mary L. Beatrice, Neb.  
† Livermore, Abiel A., Pres. Theol. School. Meadville, Pa.  
† Loomis, Simon B. Lone Rock, Wis.  
Lusk, James T. Marietta, Ohio.  
† MacCauley, Clay Minneapolis, Minn.  
Maxson, Henry Doty Menomonee, Wis.  
Miller, Milton J. Geneseo, Ill.  
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Murdock, Miss Marion Humboldt, Iowa.  
† Norris, Anna J. Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Owen, Thomas Grafton Arcadia, Wis.  
Powell, Enoch Topeka, Kansas.  
Putnam, Helen G. Huron, Dakota.  
† Roberts, Abraham A. Aberdeen, Dak.  
Roberts, C. B. St. Joseph, Mo.  
Roberts, John E. Kansas City, Mo.  
Safford, Mary A. Sioux City, Iowa.  
Skinner, Lloyd Baraboo, Wis.  
† Spencer, Abraham A. Madison, Wis.  
Snyder, John St. Louis, Mo.  
Simmons, Henry M. Minneapolis, Minn.  
† Stebbins, Giles Detroit, Mich.  
Stevens, Henry D. Alton, Ill.  
Staples, C. J. St. Cloud, Minn.  
† Stone, William G. M. Denver, Col.  
Stuart, Reed Detroit, Mich.  
Sunderland, Jabez T. Ann Arbor, Mich.  
† Taft, Stephen H. Humboldt, Iowa.  
Thayer, Geo. A. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Utter, David Chicago, Ill.  
Van Ness, Thomas J. Denver, Col.  
Westall, Henry A. Bloomington, Ill.  
Wilkes, Eliza Tupper. Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

## WOMEN'S WESTERN UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

HEADQUARTERS: 175 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

ORGANIZED at St. Louis, 1881.

INCORPORATED under the laws of Illinois, 1882.

OBJECT: "The advancement of Freedom, Fellowship and Character in Religion"—at present, by uniting the women of our churches (1) in a central organization, (2) in religious study classes, (3) in Post-Office Mission work.

INCOME: The Conference depends wholly on the contributions of the women of the western Unitarian churches. About \$800.00 is needed for the year's work, and the work would enlarge with larger resources.

ANNUAL MEETING, in May, in connection with the W. U. C.

MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: "Life membership, \$10.00; annual membership, \$1.00." Delegate membership: "Delegate membership shall be acquired by certificate of appointment by any religious society or organization that shall have, during the previous year, contributed not less than five dollars to the Conference; and such society or organization may be represented by two general delegates."

OFFICERS: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, elected at each annual meeting from the Board of Directors. Twenty-one Directors chosen for three years, seven annually. Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the remaining members. Five members a quorum. Directors' regular meetings on the first Thursday of June, September, December, March.

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## WESTERN UNITARIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

HEADQUARTERS: 175 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

ORGANIZED 1873: Incorporated under laws of Illinois, 1882.

OBJECT: "To improve the quality of Sunday-school publications, and to aid in making Sunday schools effective nurseries of progressive, reverent and helpful churches."

MOTTO ON SEAL: "The world is saved by the breath of the school-children."

INCOME: The revenue of the society is derived from four sources; the sale of its publications, contributions from the friends of its work, annual and life memberships, and annual contributions from its schools.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, in May, in connection with the W. U. C.

ANNUAL INSTITUTE for Sunday-schools and Unity Clubs in October.

MEMBERS: Life membership, \$10.00. Annual membership, \$1.00.

OFFICERS: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected at each annual meeting from the Board of Directors. Twelve Directors, four retiring each year. Vacancies in Board may be filled by remaining members. Five members a quorum for business. Directors' meetings held on the first Monday of each month.

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Trenton—Dix, Miss D. L. (deceased).

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## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCES.

Wisconsin Conference of Unitarian and Independent Societies, Organized at Sheboygan, Wis., Oct. 24, 1896.

Rev. T. B. Forbush, Milwaukee, President; Rev. J. H. Crooker, Madison, Secretary; Rev. Lloyd Skinner, Baraboo, Recording Secretary; Ransom Jackson, Baraboo, Treasurer.

Michigan Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches. Organized at Jackson, Mich., Oct. 21, 1875.

Rev. Reed Stuart, Detroit, President; Rev. Jabez T. Sunderland, Ann Arbor, Secretary; George Stickney, Grand Haven, Treasurer.

Illinois Conference of Unitarian and Other Independent Societies. Organized at Bloomington, Nov. 11, 1875.

John A. Roche, Chicago, President; James Van Inwagen, Hinsdale, Vice-President; Rev. Chester Covell, Buda, Secretary; Mrs. M. A. Dow, Chicago, Treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Miller, Geneseo, Secretary of P. O. M. Com.

Iowa Association of Unitarian and Other Independent Churches. Organized at Burlington, Iowa, June 1, 1877.

Hon. B. F. Gue, Des Moines, President; Rev. Marion Murdock, Humboldt, Vice-President; Rev. Arthur M. Judy, Davenport, Secretary; Mr. E. H. Buckman, Sioux City, Treasurer; Miss B. Wakefield, Sioux City, Secretary of Sunday-school work; Mrs. Mary A. Emsley, Mason City, Secretary of Lay Leaders' Society; Mrs. E. H. Hunter, Des Moines, Secretary of Unity Club Work; Miss Clara M. Holmes, Davenport, Mrs. Vaupel Clark, Humboldt, Trustees.

Indiana Conference of Unitarian and Other Independent Societies. Organized at Hobart, Ind., Sept. 1, 1878.

William H. Rifenburg, Hobart, President; Augustus Wood, Valparaiso, Treasurer; Rev. A. G. Jennings, Secretary, and Minister at large for Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Ohio Conference of Unitarian and Other Liberal Churches, Organized at Cincinnati, Ohio, May, 1879.

President; Rev. J. T. Lusk, Marietta, Secretary and Treasurer.

Kansas Unitarian Conference. Organized Dec. 2, 1880. Mr. R. A. Sankey, Wichita, President; Miss Sarah A. Brown, Lawrence, Secretary; Mrs. Kersey Coats, Kansas City, Treasurer; Rev. Enoch Powell, Topeka, Missionary. Advisory Board: Chairman, Judge Geo. W. McCrary, Kansas City; B. W. Woodward, Lawrence; Mrs. Frank Foster, Topeka; Mrs. M. D. Teague, Salina; Mrs. Phillips, Eureka; Mr. Fisher, Fort Scott; Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Uniontown; Mr. R. A. Sankey, Wichita; Miss S. A. Brown, Lawrence; Rev. E. Powell, Topeka.—The last three ex officio.

Nebraska Unitarian Association. Organized at Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1882. Thomas L. Kimball, Omaha, President; Rev. Enoch Powell, Topeka, Kan. Secretary; Mrs. E. M. Abbott, Grand Island, Treasurer.

Minnesota Unitarian Conference. Organized at St. Paul, Nov. 17, 1887.

Loren W. Collins, St. Cloud, President; Clarence Sprague, Minneapolis, Secretary; Christian C. Pudor, Winona, Treasurer.

## WESTERN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZED: June, 1886.

OBJECT: "A more definite co-operation with the American Unitarian Association in its western work."

MEMBERSHIP acquired by payment of \$1.00 and approval of Board of Directors; and each such member shall pay yearly \$1.00 as dues. Life membership, \$25.00.

OFFICERS: President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Recording Secretary, who shall also be Treasurer,—these chosen annually,—and twenty-seven others who, with them shall constitute a Board of Directors; these others to be chosen for three years, one-third annually. Directors' meetings, at least twice a year; seven a quorum.

## Board of Directors.

President, Hon. Geo. W. McCrary, Kansas City, Mo.  
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## UNITY CLUBS.

Many of the Unitarian churches of the west have long had their social and study side organized under the name of "Unity Club"—the name, or some name similar, covering a large variety of aims and methods. To stimulate to better work and render that work easier by sharing experience and helpful suggestions, a Central Unity Club Bureau has come into being in the east (see page below), with which it may be well for our western workers to connect themselves. Below we give as complete a list of above clubs and their secretaries as could be obtained:

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All Souls Ch.	J. R. Mann, Treas.
Cincinnati, Ohio.	Wm. Sampson.
Unity Ch.	Miss Augusta Bork.
Cleveland, Ohio.	Miss Nettie Stevens.
Davenport, Iowa.	Miss Magda S. Tappe.
Denver, Col.	Miss M. DeLange.
Des Moines, Iowa.	Ida C. Hultin, Pres.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	
(Free Holland Ch.)	Herman P. Hugenholtz.
Geneseo, Ill.	Miss Annie Haskell.
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Helena, Wis.	Miss Jane Lloyd Jones.
Hinsdale, Ill.	Henry S. Loomis.
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La Porte, Ind.	Mrs. Ida Rathburn.
Lawrence, Kansas.	Sarah A. Brown.
Laverne, Minn.	Miss V. Spaulding.
Manistee, Mich.	Louise H. Danielson.
Menomonee, Wis.	Mrs. Alice P. Flint.
Midland, Mich.	E. A. Towsey.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Miss Mary E. Hale.
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Monmouth, Ill.	Miss Lena Wood.
North Platte, Neb.	Miss W. E. Hesse.
Omaha, Neb.	Wm. I. Swoope.
Quincy, Ill.	Miss Julia Klarner.
Rockford, Ill.	Miss Clara Brooks.
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St. Louis, Mo.	A. Steinaecker.
St. Paul, Minn.	G. L. Stevens.
St. Paul, Minn.	Miss Olive Long.
Wichita, Kansas.	Mr. E. H. Thompson.

## POST-OFFICE MISSION.

WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE W. U. CONFERENCE.

The object of the Post-Office Mission is the distribution of liberal religious literature—tracts, papers and books. The American Unitarian Association furnishes the workers with its tracts, free. The Unity Publishing Committee furnishes its tracts at a cheap price. By advertisement and otherwise, each worker aims to develop a little parish of correspondents, who in turn will pass on the material regularly sent to them. The W. U. C. and the Pacific Coast Conference take the Post-office Mission of the west in special charge. For suggestions about methods and material its P. O. M. Central Committee, named above (first column) or Mrs. E. M. Everett, Channing Auxiliary, San Francisco, may be applied to.

## POST-OFFICE MISSION WORKERS.

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Denver—Hiscock, Mrs. E. H.; Park, Mrs. Dean.

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Aberdeen—Roberts, Rev. A. A.  
Huron—Putnam, Rev. Helen G.  
Sioux Falls—Fuller, Mrs. Emily, and Woman's Society; Lewis, Mrs. Mary.

FLORIDA.  
Peru, Hillsboro Co.—Mays, S. E.

ILLINOIS.  
Chicago—All Souls—Effinger, Mrs. J. R.; Marean, Mrs. E. E.; Beardsley, Mrs. Emma.  
Third Church—Finch, Miss Emma; Lord, Miss Mary; Wilcox, Miss Jennie.

Alton—Fisher, Mrs. L. B.  
Buda—Covell, Mrs. Chester; Evans, Miss Clara; Fifield, Mrs. Alice.

Geneseo—Miller, Mrs. M. J.  
Geneva—Carr, Miss S. S.; Long, Miss S. F.  
Hinsdale—Tiffany, Miss Belle, and Woman's Aid Society.

La Fox—Davis, Miss Eva; Bunker, Miss Jessie.  
Princeton—Richardson, Mrs. C. J.  
Sheffield—Dewey, Miss L. L.; Pervier, Miss Donna.

INDIANA.  
La Porte—Dakin, Mrs. M. A.

IOWA.  
Davenport—Gould, Miss E. M.; Holmes, Miss Clara; Preston, Miss C. D., M. D.  
Humboldt—Bourbour, Mrs. C.; Garfield, Mrs. Taft, W. J.; Murdock, Rev. Marion; Welch, Charles.

Des Moines—Gue, Miss Alice; Stowe, Miss E. F.  
Sioux City—Cheney, Mrs. J. T.; Safford, Rev. Mary.

KANSAS.  
Lawrence—Brown, Rev. John S.  
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Minneapolis—Partridge, Mrs. M. E.  
St. Paul—MacCaine, Miss J. E.

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NEBRASKA.  
Beatrice—Leggett, Rev. Mary.  
Lincoln—Pryce, Miss L. M.

## OHIO.

Cincinnati—Owens, Mrs. Sarah E.; Russell, Mary R., Unity Church.  
Cleveland—Gale, Miss Mary.  
Jamestown—Sheley, Beverly.  
Marietta—Lusk, Rev. Jas. T.  
Toledo—Jennings, Rev. and Mrs. A. G.; Humberstone, George.

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Portland—Davison, Miss E. F.

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Cooksville—Savage, Mrs. M. S.  
Janesville—Goddin, Miss Lillie.  
Kenosha—French, Miss Mattie.  
Madison—Phillips, Mrs. Louise; Spencer, Miss Jessie.

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## CHICAGO WOMEN'S UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION AND LOAN LIBRARY.

This Association, composed of the women of Unitarian sympathies in Chicago and the vicinity, is auxiliary to the Women's Western Unitarian Conference. It was formed in order to strengthen social relations with each other, to study together the meaning, use and growth of Unitarianism, and to become more familiar with Unitarian literature. Its only condition of membership is the annual payment of \$1.00 into the treasury. The membership last year was about 200. The meetings, which come once a month except in summer, itinerate from church to church. A social hour with mid-day lunch begins each meeting; after which a paper and discussion follow.

The Association has established a Loan Library at the Unitarian Headquarters, for the use of members and others, and especially to aid the Post-Office Mission workers. The shelves now contain about 300 books, mainly selected to illustrate the thought, faith, poetry, worship and life of Liberal Religion; and gifts of such books are requested from friends, that the library may grow in value. The catalogue is sent, and books are loaned for 15 days by mail, on application, enclosing ten cents for postage. Apply to Miss F. Hilton, Unitarian Headquarters, 175 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

[A somewhat similar Women's Association exists in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Denver and several other places.]

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ORGANIZED 1881.

Membership open to the members and ministers of the Unitarian congregations of Chicago and vicinity. At the meetings, the members, after dining together, discuss some subject of interest to the churches.

Executive Committee: Hon. John A. Roche, Chairman; G. W. Dexter, D. L. Shorey, P. P. Heywood, E. H. Griggs; by whom a President for each meeting is chosen. Secretary and Treasurer, Louis K. Waldron, 189 Randolph street, Chicago, Ill.

## CHICAGO UNITARIAN CLUB.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 14, 1888.

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This Club meets monthly. Its object is "to promote the spirit of fellowship among the Unitarian churches, to help maintain the central headquarters in Chicago, and to co-operate in the work of the Western Unitarian Conference and the American Unitarian Association." A paper is read and discussed at each meeting. Any one may become a member by signing the constitution and paying an annual fee of two dollars.

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Under the above title the men and women whose names are published in the Directory list (see above) associated themselves together in September, 1888, for the purposes which were declared, in their first published announcement, to be as follows:

"It is the aim of the Institute to provide for the study and discussion of subjects pertaining to letters, morals and religion, in the

scientific spirit, under the lead of a high and specially-trained scholarship. It hopes to secure lectures from the ablest thinkers at home and abroad on themes beyond the range of the popular lyceum platform. Classes will also be organized for the more thorough and systematic study of pending questions in sociology, reform and religion, such as will supply that need of special instruction felt by those engaged in active work of philanthropy and moral and religious instruction, besides aiding to impart a rounded culture and more intelligent understanding of life and duty. It is the hope of those engaged in this new enterprise to give to Chicago something that corresponds in general aim, though necessarily, at first, in a small and experimental fashion, to the Lowell Institute in Boston, the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, and the Hibbert and Bampton lectureships of London."

In the execution of their plans the club room of the Chicago Architectural Club in the Art Institute Building was rented, and two courses of evening lectures: One by Rabbi Hirsch, on Old Testament literature, consisted of ten lectures given on successive Thursday evenings, beginning Nov. 8. After the third lecture the increase of the audience made it necessary to secure the Lecture room of the Art Institute, which was sometimes filled to overflowing, the average attendance being about two hundred. The second course was by W. Alexander Johnson, and consisted of eight lectures on Sociology in the Departments of Charity and Correction. The attendance, though not as large, consisted of those actively engaged in the humanitarian work of the city, and was the stimulus of much rational thought and wholesome impulse in these directions. Doctor Hirsch also conducted an afternoon class in the Book of Job, which enrolled fourteen members. The season's work closed with a lecture from John Fiske, on Alexander Hamilton, which was well attended by a representative audience.

Arrangements have already been begun for a course of lectures to be given next winter by the ablest specialists procurable on the scientific evidences of evolution, and for a Herbert Spencer School, of two weeks, in the spring of 1891, under the direction of John Fiske, himself to give the leading course of lectures. If a class of four or five young men and women present themselves, a special Normal School of nine or ten weeks' duration will be organized next autumn giving daily lectures and exercises in the practical and theoretical work of the ministry with the view of aiding in the preparation for this work such as cannot avail themselves of the full privileges of a theological course. Correspondence with such applicants is solicited.

## FOR THE COMMITTEE.

Following is a financial exhibit of the year's work:

RECEIPTS.	
Lectures and Class work.....	\$480 50
Donations.....	7 36
	\$487 86
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rent.....	\$239 00
John Fiske.....	100 00
Printing.....	58 50
Treasurer.....	50 00
Advertising.....	17 80
Stationery, Postage, etc.....	17 56
Janitor.....	5 00
	\$487 86

E. T. LEONARD, Treasurer.

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Organized in 1878, to publish UNITY and other aids to the liberal religious works in the west. Its members are

J. V. Blake,	J. L. Jones,
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F. L. Hosmer,	H. M. Simmons.

## PUBLICATIONS.

- (1) UNITY, a weekly paper, (see below).
  - (2) TWO SERIES OF TRACTS, the "Unity Mission Tracts," at present about thirty in number, and "Unity Short Tracts," at present twenty-four in number. Learned, Gannett and Jones, the sub-committee in charge.
  - (3) UNITY HYMNS AND CHORALS. For the Congregation and the Home. 253 Hymns, 66 Hymn Tunes, 23 Chorals and Choral Responses. Edited by W. C. Gannett, J. V. Blake and F. L. Hosmer. In cloth, 35 cents; per dozen, \$3.00; per hundred, \$25.00.
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Appointed by the National Unitarian Conference to approve candidates for the Unitarian ministry coming from outside the denomination, and accredit them to the churches; this certificate of approval not being a *requisite* for admission, but an introduction helpful both to candidates and to the churches. Such candidates, in the west, are requested to apply to one of the following committee:

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## FORMS OF BEQUEST.

No special formula of giving is essential, if the intention is clear; but the name of the corporation is essential, to avoid question as to what body is meant.

The following formulas are recommended:

For money or personal property:  
To the Western Unitarian Conference (or the Women's Western Unitarian Conference, or the Western Unitarian Sunday-school Society), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its office at Chicago, I give and bequeath, etc.

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITARIAN AND OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

ORGANIZED in New York, 1865.

MEETING: Every second year in the fall for a four or five days' session. Its thirteenth session will be held in Philadelphia, October, 1889.

OBJECT: "To energize and stimulate the denomination to the largest exertions in the cause of Christian faith and work." "A purely advisory body."

MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: "The National Conference shall be composed of such delegates—elected once in two years, not to exceed three from any church, including its minister, who shall officially be one—as any of our churches may credit to it by a certificate of their appointment." "The American Unitarian Association, the Western Conference, and such other theological, academic or humane organizations in our body as the Conference may see fit to invite, shall be entitled to representation by not more than three delegates each."

OFFICERS: President, six Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, and Treasurer, elected at each meeting; and a council of Ten, half laymen and half ministers—five members retiring at each meeting.

THE COUNCIL, three months before each meeting, issues a letter of call to the churches and organizations in the fellowship, with a form of certificate for delegate. It invites parish reports, etc., to be sent to the Secretary one month before the meeting; and after the meeting it sends to the churches and organizations a report of the proceedings, and an address containing the Conference recommendations as to work and the money required for the work, with such other advice and encouragement as it may deem appropriate.

FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH: The doctrinal

position of the Conference is indicated by the following extracts from its Constitution:

PREAMBLE: (1865)—Whereas the great opportunities and demands for Christian labor and consecration, at this time, increase our sense of the obligations of all disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ to prove their faith by self-denial, and by the devotion of their lives and possessions to the service of God and the building up of the kingdom of his Son—Therefore, etc.

ARTICLE IX. (added 1870)—Reaffirming our allegiance to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and desiring to secure the largest unity of the spirit and the widest practical co-operation, we invite to our fellowship all who wish to be followers of Christ.

ARTICLE X. (added 1882)—While we believe that the Preamble and Articles of our Constitution fairly represent the opinions of the majority of our churches, yet we wish distinctly to put on record our declaration that they are no authoritative test of Unitarianism, and are not intended to exclude from our fellowship any who, while differing from us in belief, are in general sympathy with our purposes and practical aims.

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Regulations prepared in accordance with instructions given by the National Conference in 1878:—

1. Whenever any person, who has not received instruction in the Divinity School at Cambridge, the Theological School at Meadville, or in any school of theology of the Unitarian faith elsewhere, shall desire to enter the Unitarian ministry, he shall be requested to make application, expressing such desire, to the Chairman of the Committee on Fellowship, or to the Chairman of the sub-committee nearest his residence.

2. Upon making such application the candidate shall present to the Committee satisfactory testimonials of his fitness for the ministry, and, if he shall have been previously connected with any ministerial body or church not of the Unitarian faith, a certificate of dismissal from such organization.

3. If the Committee are assured of the fitness of the candidate, they shall give to him a certificate of their approval, and they shall at once inform the Secretary of each Local Conference of their action in the premises.

Rev. Chas. C. Everett, D.D., Cha'n.—Cambridge, Mass.  
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(For Western Sub-Committee, see same page.)

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE OF UNITARIAN AND OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

ORGANIZED in Saratoga, 1880.

BIENNIAL MEETING: In connection with the National Unitarian Conference.

OBJECT: To interest women in the work of the National Conference and assist it in raising money, and to promote local organizations of women for Christian work.

MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: "This Conference shall be composed of delegates from each organization of women within our fellowship; and all the women attending the National Conference shall be cordially invited to participate in the proceedings of this Auxiliary Conference. From each an annual subscription of \$1.00, or a life-membership fee of \$25.00, shall be sought, as an earnest of the faith that is in us." The Conference distributes its funds through the American Unitarian Association, and may name the special object of its contribution.

OFFICERS: President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, each of whom shall represent a local Conference. These officers to be chosen at the biennial meeting, and together to constitute an Executive Committee. Five a quorum.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, three months before each National Conference meeting, issues a letter of call to the women of each church and organization in its fellowship; it invites parish reports, etc., from them; it presents a report at the biennial meeting, and also submits a statement of its work and recommendations to the general session of the National Conference.

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(For the Western Directors, see page 116.)

## AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION.

The mother-association of Unitarians in the United States. A missionary body, composed of life-members and delegates from churches and associations.

ORGANIZED, 1825. INCORPORATED, 1847.

OBJECT, WORK AND INCOME: "To diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." "To this end it collects and diffuses religious information. It publishes and distributes books and tracts. It supports missionaries, aids clergymen and young men preparing for the ministry, and helps in building churches. It seeks to produce union, sympathy, and co-operation among the Unitarian churches and people; and for its missionary activities solicits their benefactions, whether by yearly contribution, or by gift of endowment funds to be held in trust."

HEADQUARTERS: 25 Beacon street, Boston, in the new building, dedicated May, 1886. The Building contains the Book-room of the Association and the Unitarian Sunday-school Society, the Reading-room, the Rooms occupied by various Secretaries and Committees, and Channing Hall. The Hall and Committee-rooms are at the service of Unitarians for denominational meetings of all kinds.

LIFE-MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: Life-membership, \$5000. "Any church or missionary association, of at least two years' standing, shall, upon sending a contribution for missionary uses to the Treasurer of the Association for two successive years, be entitled to representation at all business meetings of the Association, by the persons of its minister or president, and two additional lay delegates; provided that such contributions shall be placed in the hands of the officers of the Association on or before May 1, to entitle a church to be represented in the following annual meeting. Delegate members shall have the right to vote at all meetings of the Association."

ANNUAL MEETING, in May, at such time and place as the Board of Directors may appoint.

OFFICERS: "The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and one or more Assistant Secretaries; a Treasurer, and eighteen other persons, who, with them, shall constitute a Board of Directors. These officers, fourteen of whom, at least, shall be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer, shall be chosen annually, to serve for one year each, or until their successors are chosen. The other Directors shall be chosen for three years or until their successors are chosen; and one-third shall be chosen annually."

This Board to meet at least once in three months, eight constituting a quorum; and to have charge of all the business and interests of the Association, the direction of its funds and operations; with power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number and to choose from their own number an Executive Committee.

PUBLICATIONS: The A. U. A. keeps on sale in its book room, beside many publications of its own, all other Unitarian books, and many new books of liberal religious thought issued by other publishers. A list with prices will be furnished on application.

It publishes between one and two hundred tracts, which are furnished free to any who apply by letter or otherwise.

It offers, as a gift, a selection from its publications, of about thirty volumes, to colleges or public libraries, upon their application and assurance of welcome. It also gives, without cost, a selection of volumes illustrating the Unitarian faith, to Trinitarian ministers settled in New England, who apply for them with the desire candidly to know what Unitarians believe; and Channing's Works, to any minister not owning them, settled over a religious society in the United States or Canada, or any student of a theological school intending to enter the ministry, who makes application.

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ORGANIZED 1827. INCORPORATED 1835.

OBJECT: "To promote moral and religious education in Sunday-schools."

HEADQUARTERS, Book Room and Publication Office in the A. U. A. Building, 25 Beacon street, Boston.

MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: Life membership, \$10. Any Unitarian parish or Sunday-School contributing to the funds of the

society may appoint three delegate members for one year from the October 1 following the gift.

**ANNUAL MEETING**, in October. Special Meeting in Boston in Anniversary Week.

**INCOME**, partly from the sale of its publications, partly from the annual contributions of the churches, whose regular aid it asks as one of their missionary societies.

**PUBLICATIONS**: Many Sunday-school manuals, a Service Book and Hymnal, and various other helps for the school work, an illustrated Sunday-school paper called *Every Other Sunday*, and a current series of Lessons, last year on Bible Biographies. A list of the works sent on application.

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"Its chief object is the preparation of lists of books suitable for Unitarian Sunday-school libraries. Books received from publishers are carefully examined, and those approved by five readers are placed on the Catalogue of the Commission."

Annual lists have been issued every May since 1866; and a consolidated and revised catalogue made from these lists was printed in 1886. Catalogues can be obtained at the office of the Unitarian Sunday-school Society, 25 Beacon street, Boston.

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ORGANIZED 1885: By the A. U. A. and National Conference.

**OBJECT**: To aid Unitarian Societies in the erection of churches.

**OFFICERS**: The Trustees of the Fund are elected by the Directors of the A. U. A.; but in the transaction of business, the Trustees are an entirely independent board.

All business communications should be addressed to the Secretary, at Brookline, Mass.

#### RULES.

1. The Officers of this Board shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Standing Committee of three, to receive and report applications for aid;—these officers to be chosen annually.

2. The Board shall meet annually in the month of May, during anniversary week, and at other times, according to its own votes or the call of its officers.

3. No money from the fund held by this Board shall be bestowed as a gift, and all loans from the same shall be made on adequate security.

4. No money shall be loaned except by consent of seven of the nine Trustees.

5. No change shall be made in the conditions of any loan or in the terms of its repayment except by unanimous consent of the full Board of Trustees.

6. No money shall be loaned until the act of incorporation of the Society applying for aid, and the plan of the building it proposes to erect, have been submitted to the Trustees and approved by them.

7. Not more than half the whole value of a building and the land on which it stands shall be loaned from this fund; nor shall any loan be made unless it suffices to clear the property of all other indebtedness.

8. Sums not exceeding \$5,000 may be loaned from this fund, with or without interest, as shall be determined in each case; but in every case, provision shall be made for the annual repayment of a certain fixed portion of the sum loaned, as may be agreed upon.

9. In return for every loan, the Trustees shall take the note of the Society, with such personal endorsement or guarantee thereof as they shall deem satisfactory, said note to be secured also by a mortgage on the church property; and in no case shall the Trustees suffer default to be made without proceeding to legal measures for the collection of the debt.

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Rev. Howard N. Brown.

#### UNITARIAN CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED, 1886.

**OBJECT**: "To enlist our churches in Temperance work, and to assist in forming Temperance societies."

**METHODS**: "It works upon the broadest principles, encouraging Temperance workers everywhere to unite, whatever special opinions they may hold. It does not regard the Pledge method as essential, but recommends as useful Declarations of Membership limited to a definite time, with opportunity for renewal, or such as may be surrendered upon deliberate change of purpose. It regards Total Abstinence as the wisest rule for personal habits and for teaching. It emphasizes personal responsibility, the value of Temperance education, the need of removing the temptations to which men are exposed, and of substituting innocent amusements and useful occupations for the attractions of the saloon. The spirit which it seeks to illustrate is that of the words, 'Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ,' and 'Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.'"

**BRANCH SOCIETIES**: "It is composed of branch societies formed in sympathy with its general purpose either in churches or Sunday-schools. Each branch follows its own plan of organization and work, the office of the Central Society being simply advisory." Each branch may be represented at its biennial meeting by two delegates.

**BIENNIAL MEETING**, in connection with the National Conference. Special meetings as called.

**PUBLICATIONS AND HELPS**: The Society has published pamphlets suggesting methods of work, membership cards, etc., and "Temperance Service and Hymns," (price 10 cents). For publications address the Secretary, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

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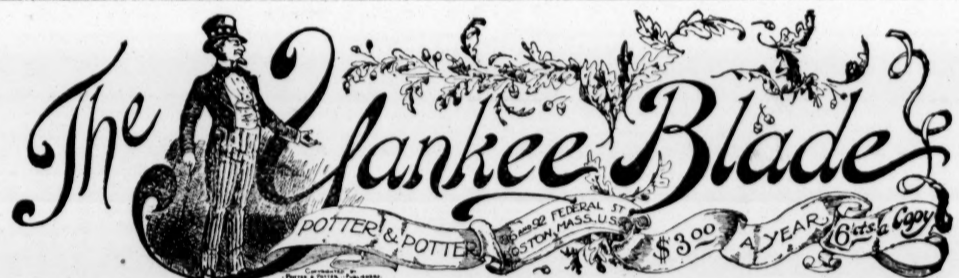
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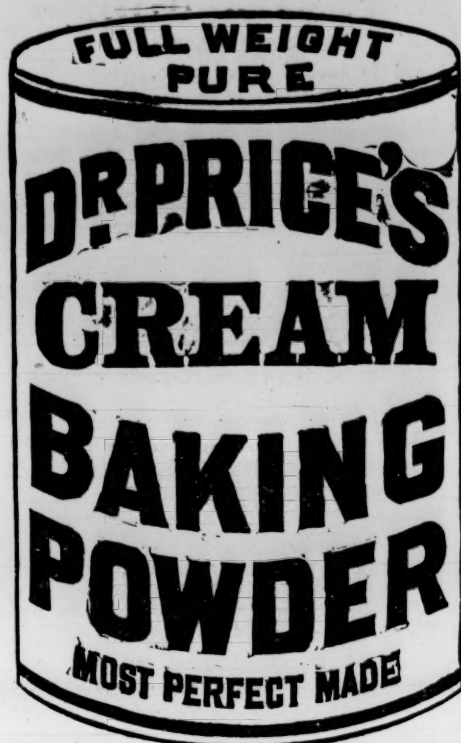
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